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DEFINITION OF A GUN IN COURT.

OWNERS OF LOCAL SHOOTING GALLERIES FINED.

INTERESTING TEST CASE.

Six Chinese owners of shooting galleries in various parts of the town were summoned before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham for unlawful possession of arms. The summonses were brought under the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance. The defendants were Lam Cheuk, Wo Fan, Li Cheung, Sin Kau, Ho Chau, and Ip Chiu. Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the first party and entered pleas of not guilty. He suggested that the Magistrate take only one case and he would abide by the ruling on that. Accordingly, the case against Lam Cheuk was taken.

Pop Guns Used.

Det. Sergeant Mottram said that at 3.10 p.m. on April 10 he visited the ground floor of 139, Des Voeux Road, Central, used as a shooting gallery for cigarettes. There were about twenty people present at the time, two pop-guns with corks being in use, similar to one produced. Altogether there were fifteen of these guns on the premises. The man in charge of the game was a man called Tsui Hing, and he gave the name of the defendant as the master of the gallery. Witness was accompanied by a Chinese detective, Lam Kwan, who had previously warned all these shooting galleries. Mr. Rendall: What is your definition of a gun? Any weapon from which a bullet or missile can be fired.

Not Dangerous.

Do you call this a bullet?

No.

Do you agree that a gun is a round barrel which will fire a missile?

Yes.

Have you seen children with pop-guns?

Yes.

And do you think they have licences for them?

No.

Before April 10, would you have arrested any child with a pop-gun?

No.

In fact, you did not know before then that a licence was necessary for a pop-gun?

No.

Have you experimented with the gun in court?

Yes.

Is it dangerous?

No.

Sergeant Fired At.

At this point Mr. Rendall got the sergeant to fire the gun at his hand, and in turn fired at the sergeant, after which he asked the sergeant "Hurt you?" The sergeant answered "No."

Mr. Rendall: If I raise this weapon at you in anger, is there any danger?

No.

Replying to Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., prosecuting, Sgt. Mottram said that he had heard of cases in which persons had been intimidated by weapons such as the one produced in court.

Mr. Rendall then elected to give evidence. In the witness box he said that about noon yesterday he went to Sincere's and asked for pop-guns and toy pistols. He bought a toy pistol, not quite similar to the one in court, in that it shot a projectile with a rubber sucker at the end. He asked the salesman if Sincere's had a licence to sell the pistol, and was told that a licence was not necessary. He was also told by the salesman that to the latter's knowledge, no licence was necessary for him, (Mr. Rendall) to carry the gun.

For A 2 1/2 Years Old Boy.

About 3.30 p.m. yesterday Mr. Rendall went to the Arms Licensing Office at Central Police Station. The officer-in-charge was not in, so he asked a Chinese clerk for a licence for the pistol which he had bought at Sincere's. The clerk replied "Of course not. Such a pistol cannot be licensed." Mr. Rendall left the pistol, with a note to the officer-in-charge, asking for a licence in the name of his son, aged 2 1/2 years.

At 4.30 p.m. Inspector Shaflin rang up Mr. Rendall at his office, and told him that a licence was not necessary for the pistol. When the Inspector was told that it was a test case he replied that he would report to Mr. King. This morning, before going to court, Mr. Rendall called at the Licensing Office to see if the licence was ready. He was taken to see Mr. Booth, who told him that enquiry was being made as to

RUSSIAN WHO HAD NO PASSPORT.

AUTHORITIES IN HONG KONG MAKE IT "ALL RIGHT."

MOTOR-CAR CHARGE.

A Russian lad, 16 years of age, named Alexander Ian Polevov, was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Whyte-Smith charged on three counts concerning a motor-car, which he took out for a joy ride in Kowloon on April 28. Defendant, who was in the dock, pleaded guilty to three charges of driving the car without a driver's licence, in a dangerous manner to the public in Jordan Road, and with taking the car out without the permission of Messrs. Alex Ross & Co. In connection with the third charge Mr. W. G. Robinson was complainant. Sergeant Koretsky interpreted for defendant.

A New Arrival.

Prosecuting, Traffic-Sergeant Clark said that the defendant arrived in the Colony six weeks ago, and was permitted to stay here by the Director of Criminal Intelligence (Mr. T. H. King) for two months, in the care of the Russian community. He came here to look for an aunt, and he was known to have resided at 568, Nathan Road, top floor. The Russian community officials

STOP PRESS

Tokyo, To-day.

The Privy Council, at a meeting in the presence of H.I.H. the Emperor, approved the Sino-Japanese Tariff Agreement, adding that although the agreement was likely seriously to affect Japan's trade with China in future, approval was given out of consideration for friendship for China. As a result of the Privy Council's approval Mr. Shigemitsu will be authorised formally to sign it.—Reuter.

found the boy work at the garage of Alex Ross & Co., Salisbury Road, Kowloon, where he was on one month's probation. He was quite good as a fitter, but on April 28, when nobody was about in the garage, he took car 2722, and went out for a drive. This joy ride ended up at Chatham Road, where the boy, unable to control the car, smashed into a lamp standard.

No Passport.

His Worship queried the fact that the defendant, being so young, should have been allowed to land in the Colony, seeing he had no passport with him.

Sergeant Clark replied, and explained that the lad lost his trunk together with his passport in Manila, and that it was the authorities who saw to it being "all right" for him here.

His Worship told the defendant that he was not allowed to drive anything unless he possessed a driver's licence. Defendant replied that he did not mean to make the car's engine work. It was all through a Chinese man, who started the car. Defendant was at the wheel.

Sergeant Clark pointed out that the Russian community here had decided to send the lad back to Shanghai by the Asama Maru, which sails to-morrow at ten o'clock a.m.

His Worship cautioned defendant, who will be taken care of by Sgt. Koretsky till to-morrow.

was a fit and proper person to hold a licence. "In the meantime," Mr. Rendall added, "the pistol is in the possession of the Police."

Discretion of the I.G.P.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Rendall if he was aware that under sub-section 4 of Section 32 of the amended Ordinance, 1925, the I.G.P. had discretion as regards the issuing of licences?

Mr. Rendall: Yes, but I don't see why there should be any difference between my son or any other boy.

Mr. Murphy: Do you agree that a dart can be fired from this gun?

Yes, if fixed to the cork.

This closed the case.

In his submission for the defence, Mr. Rendall said that the pop-guns were in his client's possession, but the question was whether or not they were licensable. The question was very open. He said that the title of the Ordinance was "The Arms and Ammunition Ordinance," and wholly dealt with arms defined as follows: "Every air gun, and every kind of gun from which any shot, bullet, or other missile can be discharged."

The legal definition of arms was "anything which anyone in a fury or anger can take up in hand to cast at or strike at another."

Defendant: Oh, so long ago, I cannot remember the day or month when I was arrested.

MR THOMAS HECKLED IN PARLIAMENT.

NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

CHANNEL TUNNEL PROJECT.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, re-assembled after the Easter recess, Mr. J. H. Thomas was immediately besieged with questions in regard to unemployment plans. He replied imperturbably, generally referring to previous answers. Asked how he was faring in "Internal Cabinet disputes" and unemployment, he replied "I am looking fairly well." He mentioned that the British steel industry had already benefited by the railways ordering 24,000 tons of steel sleepers during the past year.

Mr. Lees Smith, the Postmaster General told a questioner that the charge for the new telephone service to Australia would be £2 a minute. The service would be inaugurated by a conversation between Mr. J. Scullin and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald at 3.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Mr. MacDonald told a questioner that the Channel Tunnel was the biggest piece of national policy before the Government at the moment, and there would be no delay in dealing with the matter.—Reuter.

Premier Questioned.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Parliament re-assembled this morning after the Easter holiday. A number of questions were on the order paper regarding important matters at issue. The Premier was asked whether he could now make any further statement in connection with the present position of disarmament arising from the recent conference, and whether any further negotiations had taken place with the object of concluding a Disarmament Agreement. Mr. MacDonald replied, "Regarding the first part of the question I can say nothing useful within the necessarily restricted limits of question and answer. As regards the second part the answer is in the negative.—British Wireless Service.

Tunnel Scheme.

The Premier was asked whether he had yet reached a decision regarding the construction of a Channel tunnel, or if he can now fix any date when he hoped to be able to announce the decision of the Committee of Imperial Defence on the subject. He replied that the report of the special committee which had examined that project was in the hands of two or three various authorities who must consider it. This matter could not be settled in a day. It was the biggest scheme of rational policy before the Government at the present time.

Telephone Service.

The Postmaster General said that charge for a new telephone service to Australia would be £2 per minute with a minimum of three minutes. The charge would therefore be at least £6. Asked whether the charge would be reduced at an early date if the service successful, Mr. Lees Smith said that he could make no statement on this at the present.—British Wireless Service.

HOUSING AT HOME.

State Aids Construction of 939,000 Houses.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the course of a debate in the House of Commons on the estimates for his Department, Dr. Greenwood, Health Minister, said that up to March 31 there had been completed since the Armistice under State-aided schemes 939,000 houses. 629,000 houses had been built without State assistance, so that the total number actually completed in England and Wales amounted to 1,469,000.—British Wireless Service.

BACK TOO SOON.

A Chinese banished was at the Kowloon Police Court to-day sentenced to six months' hard labour for returning before his deportation term had expired.

His Worship pointed out that the defendant had only a few months more to wait and he could have returned, and his Worship asked the defendant why he did not do that.

Defendant: Oh, so long ago, I cannot remember the day or month when I was arrested.

HORRIBLE SCENES IN U.S. PRISON.

MADDENED CONVICTS DRIVEN BACK TO THEIR CELLS.

WORK OR STARVE.

Columbus, Ohio, Yesterday. A screaming, howling crowd of convicts are racing back to their cells before the hands of machine guns. This is the latest ugly incident at the penitentiary, which has been in a state of ferment since the fire, maddened convicts refusing to work until the Governor was removed. The Governor announced they must work or starve. They planned a general escape last night, but met troops with machine guns, rifles, tear gas and bombs. Several were wounded.—Reuter's American Service.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone is central to the north of Japan with an area of relatively high pressure extending to the lower Yangtze Valley. The depression over Indo-China has filled up. Forecast:—E. winds, light to moderate; fine to cloudy.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 12.88 inches against an average of 11.61 inches.

Temperature, and Humidity.

The temperature and humidity at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock were:

	Temp.	Humid.
Hong Kong	73	93
Manila	79	98
Trinidad	83	88
Manila	75	88
Amoy	73	95
Swatow	76	95
Chefoo	50	93
Shanghai	55	93

ECHO OF PAISLEY CINEMA FIRE.

MANAGER FACES CHARGE OF CULPABLE HOMICIDE.

THE PADLOCKED EXIT.

London, Yesterday.

A long queue, mostly of women, waited in the rain for hours for the opening of the trial of Mr. Charles Downard, Manager of the Glen Cinema, Paisley, charged at Edinburgh with

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culpable homicide in connection with the cinema disaster on December 31.

Lord Alness, (the Lord Justice Clerk) declared that the essence of the indictment was that it was Downard's duty to keep the exits open, particularly as there were only two, and he had failed, as the iron-trap gate outside one exit was padlocked at the time of the disaster. "If the gate had not been locked the deaths of these children might have been avoided."—Reuter.

MIGHT HAVE KILLED HIM!

A quarrel between Tam Kau, master of a shop at 27, Peking Road, and a foid of his, which took place on April 3, had its sequel in the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the foid was sentenced to one month's hard labour for inflicting grievous bodily wounds on Tam Kau, who has been in hospital for five days.

Det. Sgt. Humphreys stated that the complainant was cut with the chopper in the neck, right shoulder, and stomach, and that when he came to the station he seemed to be in a very serious state.

His Worship remarked that the defendant might have killed Tam Kau, and ordered him to pay a fine of \$100 or to be imprisoned for one month.

BOMB HOAX HERALDS "RED" MAY DAY.

MANY PREVENTIVE ARRESTS MADE IN BUKHAREST.

MOSCOW PROTESTS.

Warsaw, Yesterday. The Polish authorities who are investigating the affair declare that the bomb in the Soviet Embassy was a ramshead and practically harmless contraption. The newspapers profess to suspect a hoax. Moscow, Yesterday. Meetings of protest were held at Moscow, Leningrad and other cities. Helmsingfors, Yesterday. Communist demonstrations on May Day have been banned. Bukharest, Yesterday. The authorities have made many preventive Communist arrests. Poland Nervous. Moscow, Later. The Polish Minister, Mr. Patek, called on Mr. Litvinoff and expressed the Polish Government's pleasure at the failure of the attempt on the Soviet Legation at Warsaw and gave the assurance that the Polish Government were taking all possible steps to apprehend the perpetrators. Wholesale Arrests. Athens, Yesterday. Wholesale arrests of Communists holding an unauthorised meeting yesterday to discuss May Day plans had a sequel to-day, when over 100 were sentenced to from 10 to 60 days' imprisonment. Riga, Yesterday. Over 100 Communists have been arrested at Riga. Many houses were searched with the object of forestalling May Day preparations. Sydney, Yesterday. Communists have invited workers to strike on May 1. The Government announces that adequate precautions have been taken.—Reuter.

Earlier Cables.

Moscow, Yesterday.

A Note has been presented to Poland protesting against an alleged attempt on Saturday to buy up the Soviet Embassy at Warsaw by means of a bomb which the Note declares "could have caused the death of the whole staff."

It recalls that previous similar attempts have been made in Poland against Soviet representatives, and stresses Poland's responsibility for suppressing the increased activity against the Soviet within and without Poland, which is intended to provoke a conflict.

It appears that the porter of a house next to the Legation noticed a peculiar electric lamp on the staircase, which an investigation showed was connected with the roof by a wire which led to a parcel of clockwork mechanism in the chimney of the Legation, to which a tube of explosives was attached.—Reuter.

The Third Internationale.

Shanghai, Monday.

The representatives of the Third Internationale have arrived at Shanghai and are now residing in the International Settlement.

It is reported that they will call a meeting on May 1, with the participation of the prominent members of the Soviet authorities. More than 20 members delegated by the smaller anti-imperialist countries will also be present.—Canton News Agency.

Precautions in China.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

As a precautionary measure against Communist uprisings the Chinese authorities have issued a proclamation prohibiting labour and students' strikes and the holding of public meetings during the month of May.—Reuter.

Nanking, Yesterday.

Special precautions are being taken to guard against disturbances in Nanking on Labour Day and throughout the month of May.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE BASE.

Considered to Be No Longer Necessary.

AN AERIAL DEPOT.

London, Yesterday.

The Daily Telegraph's political correspondent understands that the Government is soon to consider the future of the Singapore Naval base. In view of the agreement reached at the Naval Conference, not to replace the battleship tonnage until 1936, Government circles are inclined to the view that Singapore as a battleship base is no longer necessary. Consequently, a plan will be considered for adapting the work already done to the depot for airships and seaplanes in the scheme of inter-imperial communications. The Dominions, which contributed to the outfit on the base, will be consulted before a decision is reached.—Reuter.

REBELS FAIL TO TAKE NEIHSIANG.

CHANGE OF PLANS AFTER TEN FRUITLESS CHARGES.

REPELLED BY NATIONALS.

Hankow, Monday. According to a telegram received from Yang Fu-cheng, the Kuomintang, numbering over 60,000 troops under Liu Yu-meng, Tien Chin-kai, and Chang Wai-sai, had made over ten charges in an attempt to capture Neihsiang, in the south-west of Honan, and the Hsiangyang and Fanching area but were successfully repulsed by the 7th Army, due to the strong fortifications at these points. The Kuomintang are now said to have changed their plans by attacking the Lung-Hai Line instead. New Plan of Campaign. Shanghai, Monday. Another report, however, claims that owing to the National fortifications along the Tsin-Pu and Ping-Han Lines, Feng Yu-hsiang has changed his plans by instructing the troops under Generals Wan Tsun-tsai, Sun Tien-ying and Yin Ying-chi to invade the north west of Anhwei province, instead

CHINESE NAVY.

British Officers To Give Tuition.

London, Yesterday.

According to the newspapers, the two British Naval officers whose services the Chinese Minister in London has secured to teach the Government Naval Academy at Minkiang are Engineer Captain Kelly, and Instructor Captain Alexander E. Monro, both retired.—Reuter.

of taking the Lung-Hai Line. The Kuomintang troops attacking the north of Anhwei have been repelled by the National troops, while the western sector of Anhwei is now being properly guarded.

Tsingtao, Monday.

Admiral Shen Huang-ieh of the North-Eastern Fleet intimates that as the Sino-Russian negotiations will soon be started the Manchurian troops are not in a position to participate in the internal war just now.—Canton News Agency.

National Strength.

At the Weekly Memorial Service held yesterday, being presided by Chairman Chan Ming-shu, C.I.C. Chan Chal-tong was requested to report on the situation of Kwangsi, a resume of which is as follows:—

"Our comrades must be aware of the strength of the National Punitive Forces, which had secured decisive victories over the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites Insurgents at the battles of Paklau and Fanyuan last year. Now that the enemies are being besieged at Kweiping, Kweihsiang, and Nanning, the Government Forces are certain to exterminate the Rebels in due course. Although it is hoped that the liquidation of the insurgents should be effected with the least possible delay, nevertheless it has been necessary to exercise much care in the execution of our campaigns, and some delay is inevitable. Hence, it is no more a question of victory or defeat, but one of time, as the ultimate victory of the Punitive Forces is assured."

Question of Faith.

"With regard to the situation in the North, the Generalissimo has not so far issued the order for a general offensive. There is no question about the strength and ability of the National Forces in suppressing the rebellious Allied Forces, as the Government occupies superior positions, as a result of previous preparations in the fortifications of various strategic points and railway lines. What we need, however, is implicit faith in the success of the Kuomintang Party and its principles, and the defeat of the Militarists. If we have such faith, even if Yen and Feng have forces several times more than we, they will be conquered in the end."

Reacts.

The present campaign against the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites may be properly considered as a campaign against the Yen and Feng Allied Forces, as they are all of the same calibre, composing as they are of reactionary

EUROPEAN IN MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

ARMY OFFICER TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

TWO BUSES COLLIDE.

Within the last twenty-four hours, three motor accidents have occurred on the peninsula, and each accident was attended with misfortune. The first one, which occurred at 8.35 last night, involved Mr. J. Gellatly, a Sanitary Inspector, resident at the European W.M.C.A. He was riding his motor cycle solo along Nathan Road towards Shamshuipo. When he was near the Ford garage, a Chinese woman suddenly ran across the road. She came within ten yards of Mr. Gellatly's machine, from the opposite side, towards him. He sounded his horn and applied the brakes, but could not avoid the woman, who was finally knocked down by the right off-side handle bar. Apart from slight shock the woman received no injuries. Buses Collide. The second accident, which was of a more serious nature, occurred at 8.45 this morning outside the Kowloon Motor Bus Company's new building, in Nathan Road. Lui Yuen, driver of bus 686, of the Kowloon Bus Co., was driving the bus (on the No. 8 route) in Nathan Road towards Kowloon Ferry, with bus 682, also of the K.M.B. Co. (on No. 6 route) going in the same direction in front of him. When passing Pioneer Building, the driver of 686 heard the bell of 682 ring, indicating a stoppage. The driver of 686 was in a quandary, for he could not swerve out to the right to avoid 682, as a motor lorry was approaching in the opposite direction. He applied the brakes, but these apparently did not hold good, and a collision took place. The front part of 686 was severely damaged, while 682's rear was broken in half, and a pane of glass at the back was also smashed.

Student Injured.

A passenger in bus 686, named Kwan Siu-ye (19), a student of Ying Wah College, was hurt. Dr. P. C. Kwan was immediately sent for and the lad was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital, suffering from injuries to his head.

A Chinese Mail reporter, who called at the hospital, was informed by Dr. Kwan, who had just completed dressing the boy's wounds, that the lad had been profusely from the head when he was taken into the hospital. He had a wound two inches deep on the right side of the forehead. Dr. Kwan explained that Kwan Siu-ye was sitting directly behind the driver of the bus. The force of the impact was so great that he fell forward and put his head through the glass partition.

The lad will be detained at the Kwong Wah Hospital for some days.

A rather curious feature of the accident is that bus 682 stopped where no stopping place was indicated.

Car And Motorcycle.

The third accident took place at nine o'clock this morning.

Chan Kwan, driver of a private car, was driving along Granville Road. When near the Artillery Mess a motor cycle, driven by Lt. H. A. Musson, R.A., came out of the side of the yard, in Chatham Road, and collided with his car, hitting the left side of the mud-guard, and the front part of the wheel. Damage done to the car is estimated at \$50, while the motor cycle's damage is placed at \$15.

Lt. Musson braved and cut his knee, and was conveyed to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment in another private car.

elements. Without the total suppression of the Kwangsi Insurgents, untold sufferings and miseries will be experienced by such a state will directly affect the inhabitants of that province; Kwangtung, and indirectly endanger the existence of the Party and the Government. Our present campaign against these Insurgents, therefore, cannot be regarded merely as a provincial affair but rather that of the country as a whole.

It will be recalled that the invasion of Kwangtung by the Ironsides and Kwangsi-ites last year was successfully repulsed and turned back to Kwangsi through the moral support of the people as a whole. Now that these Insurgents are no more in the province, we must not think that our duties end there, but our duties further demand us to commence with our Reconstruction Programme.—Canton News Agency.

Earlier Cables.

Peking, Yesterday.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th May, 1930, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 28th April, to WEDNESDAY, 7th May, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1930.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of May, 1930, at 12 o'clock noon, To Receive, in pursuance of the Chairman's speech at the last Annual General Meeting of the Company, a Statement from the Chairman as to the position in regard to the proposals for the acquisition of the Motor Bus and Garage Undertaking of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited.

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W. F. SIMMONS,
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Hong Kong, 29th April, 1930.

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GENERAL NOTICES

RECEPTION ON THE ARRIVAL OF H.E. SIR WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E.

OFFICIAL WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS.

At a PUBLIC MEETING held at the City Hall on FRIDAY, the 4th April, it was decided to present H.E. Sir WILLIAM PEEL, K.B.E., with an Address of WELCOME on his arrival in this Colony, which will be during the morning of the 8th May next.

At the same Public Meeting it was decided that the whole of the Theatre Royal should be thrown open to the public without charge save only that the stage be reserved for the Reception Committee, Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Representatives of the Navy, Army and Air Forces and the Heads of Public Departments, the first two rows of the stalls, for the Consular Body and their wives and the representatives of the Churches, also the first two rows of the dress circle for ladies.

It is hoped that as many residents of the Colony as possible will attend this Public Meeting at the Theatre Royal, and thus give a practical demonstration of the support of the Colony to its new Governor.

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to
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CLUB DE RECREIO
MONDAY, May 12 at 5.30 p.m.

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TEA and DANCING.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. H. B. Vernon, M.C. and officers, the band of the 3/15th Punjabis will play during the reception.

'EDWARD' & 'FANNY.'

Mayoress's Mistake at Royal Function.

"Charlie Windham was captain of the Osborne, the Prince of Wales' yacht, and we stayed with him occasionally. He told us that once when he took the Prince and Princess of Wales to Dublin there was some civic function, and a book was produced for royal signatures.

"After his Royal Highness and the Princess had signed, the Lady Mayoress was offered the pen. She glanced at the signatures just written, 'Edward' and then 'Alexandra', and timidly wrote 'Fanny' below.

This is one of the many stories that Mrs. Philip Martineau recounts in her new volume on hunting.

Mrs. Martineau's book is a veritable bouquet of humour, and cannot fail to amuse even those to whom the subject does not make a special appeal. Fox-hunting men and women of all ages will delight to read it.

Here is story about Lord Charles Beresford:—

"An American friend of mine, the late Mr. Longyear, told me he was crossing in the same boat as Lord Charles, and a man who was anxious to make his acquaintance tipped the steward to place himself at the same table.

"He started to make himself agreeable: 'Say Lord Beresford, that's a rank bad seagull you're smoking—try one of mine.'

"However, he was not a bad fellow, and the voyage ended by Lord Charles asking him to dine the day after they landed. He protested that he had no glad rags with him. 'Oh, come as you like!' said Lord Charles, 'only come.'

"The dinner went off well. Presently the American rose to his feet: 'Gentlemen, I see you all gazing coldly at my blue suit, and truly I would wish to be dressed otherwise. But although I went round to all the costumiers and second-hand clothes shops to-day, I couldn't hire a dress suit anywhere for this evening, they all said the same thing—that Lord Beresford was having a big dinner to-night!'

CAPTIVE PRIESTS.

No Official Confirmation of Murder.

Peking, Yesterday.
The British Legation states that the two priests captured at Sientaochen were the Rev. Fr. P. Laffan, a native of County Limerick, and the Rev. Fr. J. Lineham, a native of County Cork, both Irishmen attached to the St. Columban's Mission at Hanyang, Hupei Province.
Up to the present no official confirmation has been received as to their murder.—Reuter.

THAMES BEAUTY.

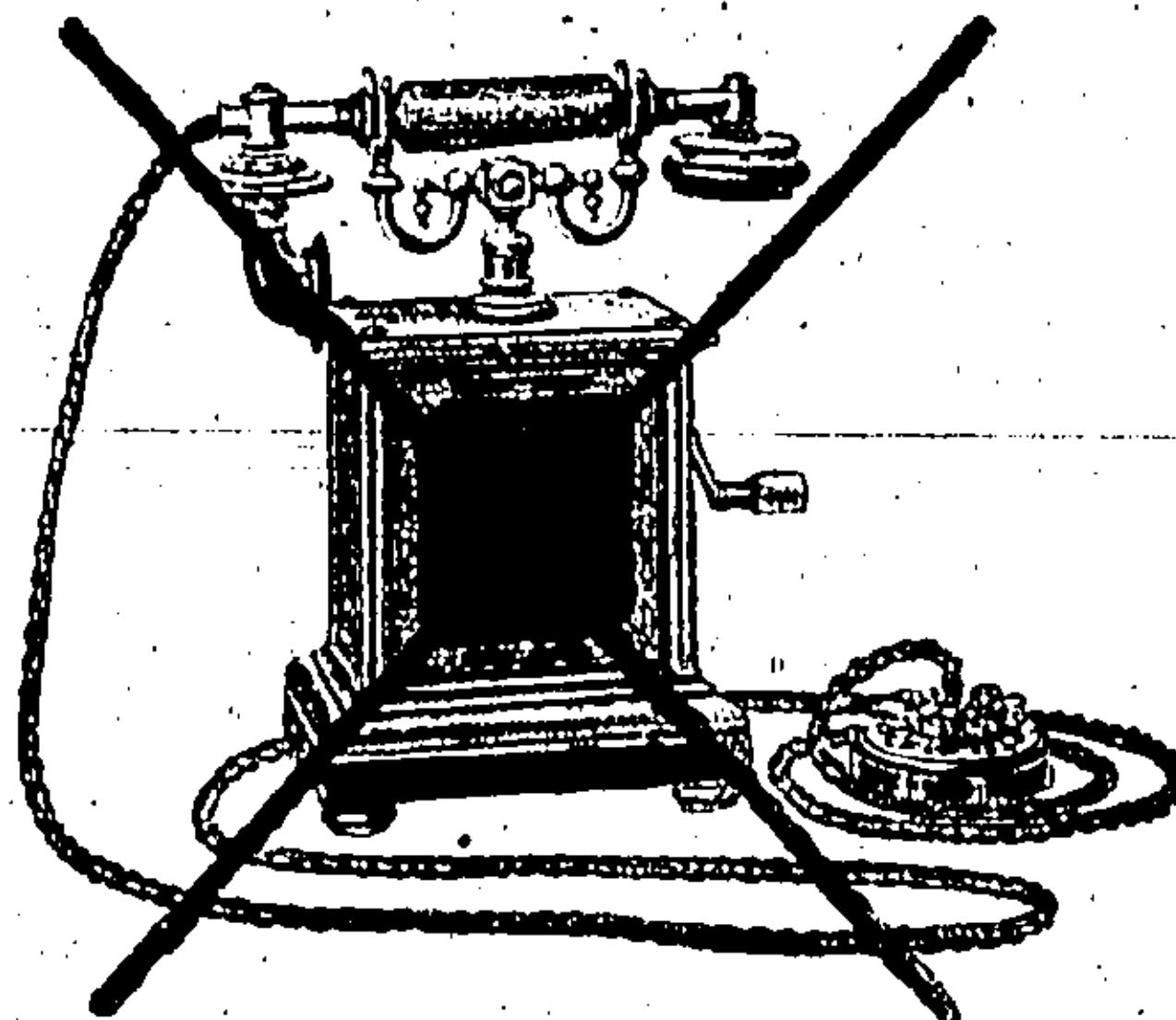
Legislation to Prevent Exploitation.

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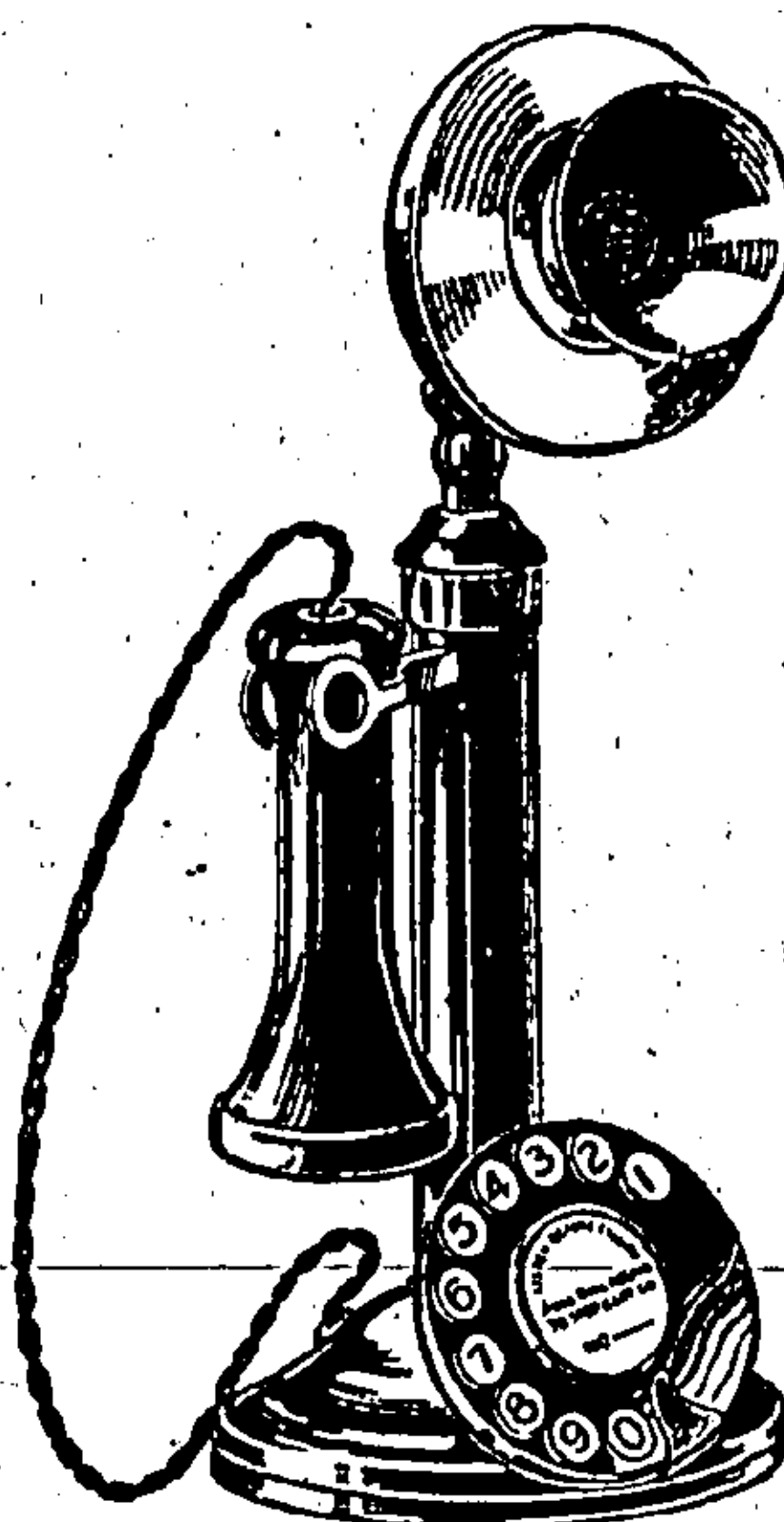
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buildings and the excavation of gravel pits along the banks of the river.

The Twickenham Ratepayers' Association are asking the Middlesex County Council to call a conference of all riparian interests in the county with a view to pressing for such legislation.

At present, any owner of riverside land can build or dig as he likes, and in the Richmond and Twickenham districts long stretches of once pleasant

river bank have been turned to commercial uses to the annoyance of the local councils, who have spent large sums on preserving and improving the riverside under their control.

Wideawake Owners.
"The only remedy we have," a member of the Twickenham Ratepayers' Association told a representative of the "Morning Post," "is for the Council to buy land which is threatened, but as the

owners always see us coming, as it were, the prices are generally prohibitive. The only remedy is for local authorities to have statutory powers to preserve the amenities of the river banks."

As he pointed out, at districts such as Richmond, Twickenham, Teddington, and Kingston the beauty of the river was a definite commercial asset, and directly and indirectly provided a livelihood for many people.

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KAGA MARU	Tuesday	20th May.
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
TAMBA MARU	Sunday	11th May.
† CALCUTTA MARU	Tuesday	27th May.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.		
HEIYO MARU	Friday	2nd May.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.		
HAKATA MARU	Monday	5th May.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
† TSUYAMA MARU	Sunday	4th May.
ASUKA MARU	Thursday	15th May.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa.		
† TOYOOKA MARU	Thursday	15th May.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
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† BENGAL MARU	Thursday	8th May.
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SANTOS MARU	Tuesday	20th May.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.		
HONOLULU MARU	Saturday	5th May.
SHINOH MARU	Monday	19th May.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.		
MEXICO MARU	Sunday	4th May.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
SEATTLE MARU	Monday	5th May.
HIMALAYA MARU	Sunday	18th May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports from Shanghai.		
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.		
MELBOURNE MARU	Tuesday	6th May.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.		
MENADO MARU	Thursday	1st May, 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports & Panama.		
ARGENT MARU	Saturday	10th May.
JAPAN PORTS.		
PEKING MARU	Thursday	1st May.
SUMATRA MARU	Sunday	4th May.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.		
HOZAN MARU	Sunday	4th May, 3 p.m.
TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.		
DELI MARU	Thursday	8th May, Noon.
TAKAO & KEELUNG.		
SOURABAYA MARU	Sunday	11th May.

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DUTCH NATIONAL ENERGY.

Amsterdam, Yesterday. The Queen of Holland pulled a handle to-day and opened the gates of a new lock at Ymuiden in the ship canal, connecting Amsterdam with the North Sea. The huge basin is the biggest of its kind in the world, and it took a decade to build, at a cost of 18,000,000 guilders. It will enable the greatest liners to reach Amsterdam.

The Minister of Waterways in a speech said that work was conceived and executed by Dutch engineers and Dutch enterprise. "It was a monument to Dutch national energy,"—Reuter.

OVERLOADING.

Norwegian Skipper Fined \$400.

Captain O. Olsen, of the Norwegian s.s. Hui Hing, was this morning fined \$400 at the Marine Court by Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired) before whom he appeared on a charge of overloading on April 28.

Boarding Officer R. J. Nunn testified as to seeing the vessel upon her arrival from Bangkok and Hoihow on the date in question, and that she was five inches over her mark.

Captain Olsen pleaded guilty, but advanced in extenuation that he was carrying 45 tons of fresh water, for which the Boarding Officer had made no allowance. There was a choppy sea when he last loaded, and it was difficult then to distinguish the marks clearly. He was also new to the ship, and was under the impression that the T. F. mark was valid in Hong Kong.

Mr. Nunn said that the T. F. mark was two inches below the water. This mark applied only between Suez and Singapore.

His Worship convicted and imposed the fine as stated above.

KIEL CANAL TRAFFIC

Official Figures for February.

A report received by the Department of Overseas Trade from his Majesty's Consul-General at Hamburg states that the volume of traffic declined somewhat during the month of February: 3,010 vessels aggregating 1,247,493 net register tons passing through the canal, as against 3,704 vessels aggregating 1,690,216 net register tons during the preceding month. The average tonnage amounted to 414 net register tons, as against 445 net register tons during January. The drop in traffic is accounted for by the regular decrease in the volume of trade during the winter months, but the figures for the month under review still show an increase on those of any previous month of February.

Of the 3,010 vessels, 1,602 aggregating 1,127,145 net register tons were registered as sea-going steamers, and of these 1,477 were cargo and passenger steamers of 1,120,639 net register tons, 93 tugs of 4,173 net register tons, 32 fishing steamers of 2,333 net register tons, 1,284 sailing craft aggregating 65,227 net register tons, 98 lighters and barges aggregating 32,296 net register tons, and 46 naval, service and pleasure vessels of 22,825 net register tons.

SHIPPING SECTION.

SUNK STEAMER.

Only 18 Out of 200 Passengers Saved.

STRUCK BY CYCLONE.

Calcutta, Yesterday. The river-steamer disaster in Eastern Bengal which occurred on Sunday afternoon in the isolated district, was due to a heavy cyclone. There were 200 passengers of whom only 18 were saved. The ship lies three fathoms in water. She was built in 1897, re-built in 1926 and left Calcutta in March after a thorough overhaul.—Reuter.

[So far only 20 are known to have been saved out of a passenger list of 200 on the steamer Condor, reported to have sunk in the River Jumna, East Bengal, during a cyclone.

The mails aboard were lost, but details are at present lacking.]

SHIPPING-AVIATION.

A Link Which Must Be Strengthened.

PUBLIC FUNDS.

Some interesting facts concerning the relationship between shipping and aviation were given by Professor Searles in the course of a lecture in the Hull University College on Air Transport. J.M. Searles is Professor of Economics at the Hull University College.

In Germany, said Professor Searles, shipping companies had been amongst the first to associate themselves financially with air transport services. The carriage of first-class passengers and first-class mails was bound to be undertaken more and more by air transport, and it seemed likely that the shipping companies would maintain their profits by spending less money on the maintaining of high speed for their important passengers and concentrating more especially on the transport of persons and goods to whom time was not valuable.

If, therefore, this country was not to fall behind in the income it received from its shipping activities, but was to maintain that position of priority which it now so splendidly held in the shipping world it was essential that they should develop their air services until they reached a somewhat similar position, but the importance of that fact had not yet been realised by the British public.

In the matter of aeronautical equipment Great Britain had fallen from first place to fourth place. He reminded them that Britain would not have become the great seafaring nation that she was if she had been content with coastwise traffic.

The Chief Air Port.

The cost of air transport was more akin to shipping than anything else, though shipping companies were not responsible for the cost of the establishment of docks, harbours, lighthouses, &c. Just as the Government took responsibility for the provision of lighthouses and docks, so a certain contribution from the public funds towards the expenses of ground organisation might reasonably be expected.

Flying boats had a distinct advantage over aeroplanes, and the North of England was more likely to be the chief air port than London. To start a service of four flying boats, the cost would be \$125,000, and the total expenses would be a quarter of a million. The carrying of mails alone would amount to a very considerable "hidden subsidy." All the towns interested should meet and discuss the situation.

The air line which had been proposed would be from Ireland to Hull and Hamburg, connecting up there with the main German system. It was highly probable that the line would pass through Liverpool, and would in the end result in an express service between Liverpool and Hull. Such a line would draw on the most important parts of the industrial north. There would be a saving of something like 14 hours in the journey from America to Hamburg, if passengers landed at Liverpool rather than went by sea direct from New York to Hamburg, and in time it might well be that boats would call at an Irish port and so increase further the economy of time effected by flying for the later stages of the journey.

LAUNCH MORTGAGE.

Plaintiff and Dr. Basto Makes Settlement.

FILING OF DEFENCE.

The case was again mentioned this morning at the Supreme Court, before Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C., acting Chief Justice, in which Chan Wan-po, on behalf of himself and all the partners of the Po On Company, sought a declaration that they were the rightful owners of the steam launch Sun Chiu On.

The defendants cited in the action were Mak Chun-long, alias Ng Shing, and Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto.

The allegation was that Ng Shing had misrepresented himself and had mortgaged the launch to Dr. Basto for \$3,000. Ng Shing was tried for fraud last year but he was acquitted.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. Russ and Company, appeared for the plaintiff this morning, and the first defendant was not legally represented. Dr. Basto was not in court.

Settlement Reached. Mr. Sheldon informed his Lordship that the plaintiff had come to a settlement with Dr. Basto, and that he was only proceeding against the first defendant. Counsel applied for a judgment of adjournment because several of his witnesses were away in Canton. He also mentioned the fact that as yet the defendant had not filed his defence.

His Lordship (to first defendant): You understand that you, being a defendant, are expected to file your defence, and you are required to make a statement of your defence to the Registrar. Strictly speaking, you should not be heard at all, but I understand plaintiff is not raising any objection on this point. That being the case, I take it that you also have no objection to the adjournment. If you wish to issue subpoenas to witnesses you must apply to the Registrar.

Mr. Sheldon further asked the Court to request defendant to leave his property address to the Clerk of the Court, so that any documents pertaining to the case might be forwarded to him. There had been much trouble in the past in locating the defendant.

Defendant, as requested, gave his address as 172, Reclamation Street, Yau-mat.

The Terms. The terms of settlement effected between plaintiff and Dr. Basto was understood to be as follows:

(1) The plaintiff admits that he is estopped from denying the validity of Dr. Basto's mortgage.
(2) Dr. Basto will pay his own costs.
(3) Dr. Basto will look to the ship for his security and will account to the plaintiff on his obtaining judgment against the first defendant in this action for any sum realised after deducting the mortgagee's costs, charges and expenses, and will then pay over any balance to the plaintiff.

The case against the first defendant will be heard on May 14 at 10.30 a.m.

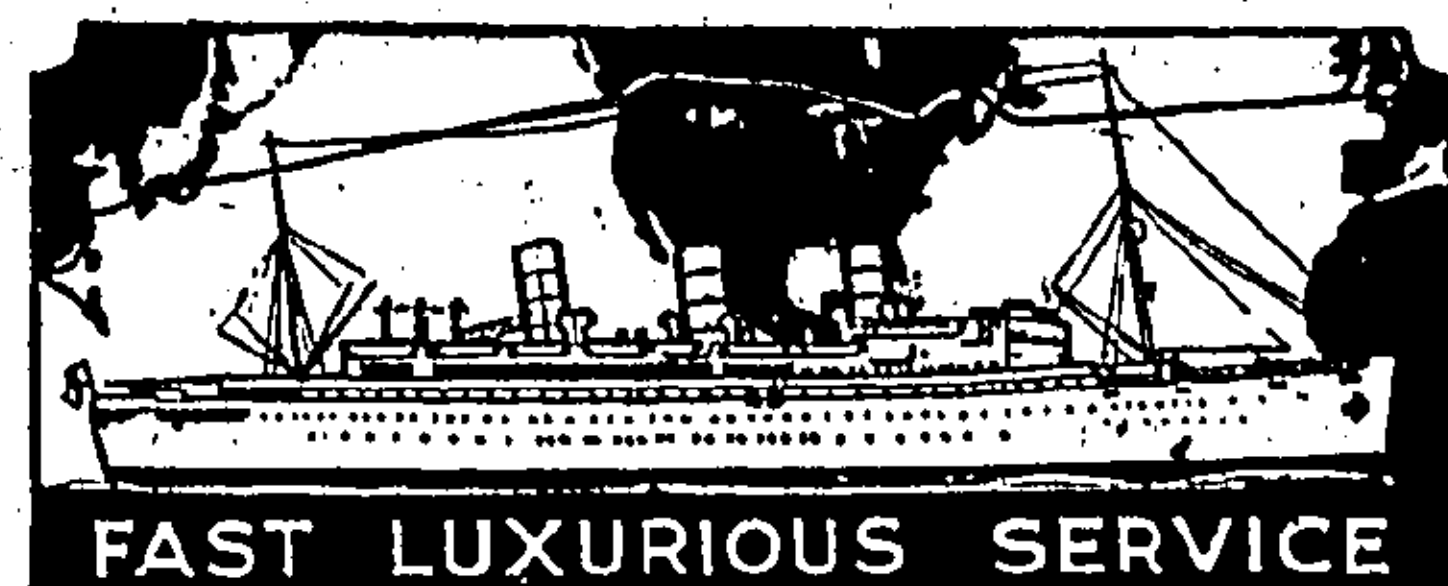
WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:

In Basin of R.N. Dockyard:
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North Arm: Sirdar, Stormcloud, Thrasher.
In Dock: Hermes.
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MANTUA	10,916	24th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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KHIVA	9,135	9th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALIPORE	5,273	11th May	Moji & Kobe.
TALAMBA	8,018	15th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	9,056	17th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,549	20th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	16,001	23rd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	1st June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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KARMALA	9,129	8th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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AERIAL ATTACK.

The great strides made in aviation in recent years, and the belief that the next war, when it comes, will be settled by aerial combat, led to an intensely interesting discussion at the luncheon meeting of the Southampton Master Mariners' Club. The topic was "The Defence of Merchant Shipping Against Aircraft in War," and after a number of speakers had voiced their opinions a resolution was put to the meeting and carried, there being only two dissentients. This read: "That the members of the Southampton Master Mariners' Club consider the time has arrived when training should be available for Merchant Navy men and officers in methods of anti-aircraft defence, and suggest that courses should be inaugurated and made available."

After passing the resolution, the "Boat-steerer" was requested to forward it to the Air Ministry for their consideration.

There can be no doubt that with the cutting down of navies and the rapid development of aviation the defence of Britain's trade routes from aerial attack will have to be seriously considered. Apart from the great cruising range of modern aeroplanes and the comparative cheapness of their production and operation, at least as compared with naval craft, there are other features which render them a vital force. An attack can for instance be launched with almost lightning rapidity by means of aircraft, and the fact that the majority of 'planes need but a small crew is another factor in their favour.

Anti-Aircraft Knowledge Essential.
With the advent of aircraft carriers and flying boats, and the more recent development of airships capable of carrying aeroplanes, it will be possible for merchant shipping to be attacked with ease in zones where manoeuvring space is limited such as in the Gibraltar Straits or in the Suez or Panama Canals. Under such circumstances it is vital that the officers and men of the Merchant Navy should have some training by which they would be able to counter such an attack, and it was this suggestion that was enthusiastically adopted by the Club.

At the present time a large number of the Merchant Navy officers take the Royal Naval Reserve course dealing with gunnery and torpedoes, but as far as aerial attack is concerned these will certainly be of only secondary importance. Anti-aircraft knowledge will, in short, be vitally essential.

Captain A. H. Raymer, R.D., R.N.R., the senior "Staff Captain," presided over the gathering, and the discussion was opened by Wing Commander H. G. M. Watkins, A.F.C., R.D.

Captain S. N. Brothwaite, M.B.E., said it was no use blinding themselves to the fact that the next war was going to be largely won or lost in the air, and that being the case it was essential that men should be trained in the handling of anti-aircraft guns which were practically the only means of defence from aerial attack. Just as the merchant service officer had gone through a short course in submarine work during the war, so should he now be trained to combat aerial attack as a means of defence in the future. Provided merchant seamen had the necessary knowledge and equipment he was quite satisfied that they would be able to give the enemy all they deserved, and more than he deserved.

Polishing the Seas.

Captain W. V. J. Clarke, D.S.C., said he was completely in favour of there being a course of training for Merchant Navy officers and men in the art of defence against aircraft. It was certain that they could not afford to stand still, for as time went on new methods of defence were evolved and new methods of defence had to be developed to deal with them. That being the case it was vitally necessary that the required knowledge should be imparted to the Merchant Navy as had been the case in regard to other matters.

Even assuming that aircraft was to play the premier part in the next war he was certainly not prepared to admit the obsolescence of cruisers and battleships, for he maintained that it was still to the navy that we should have to look for the protection of our trade routes and ensuring our food supply. Besides, aircraft carriers would be unable to police the sea routes without some adequate means of protection. In his opinion it would always be necessary to maintain some type of fleet, and he imagined that in it cruisers would preponderate.

It seemed to him a policy of suicide for Britain to reduce her navy to placate the United States, France or any other power, for we were in the peculiar position of having to depend upon our sea-borne traffic for our very existence. The U.S. was a self-contained nation, and it had been stated that she merely desired to have a sufficient navy to de-

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land her trade. Britain desired more than that—she wanted an adequate navy to save the lives of the people in emergency, and protect their living.

Be Prepared.

No one wanted another war, but they might be sure that one would come when the necessity for territorial expansion arose in a country which had no colonies or possessions in which to place her surplus population. It was the most improbable thing imaginable to expect that other nations regarded with equanimity the fact that Britain dominated four-fifths of the world, and sincere envy was the forerunner of war, it was essential that he should be prepared for the emergency, however unexpected it might be.

Captain Irvin Hayward, R.D., R.N.R., agreed as to the necessity of having anti-aircraft guns available for fitting on merchant ships, and also as to the advisability of training Merchant Navy officers and men in the use of them. It was most necessary that they should have men who understood the art of defence against attack from the air, and to that end it was logical that some course of anti-aircraft defence should be evolved. The next war would undoubtedly be decided in favour of the power with the strongest aircraft.

Captain J. King, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., said that as a member of the older school he could recall how in the early days of the century a high naval officer in Sweden had commented to him about Britain spending £22,000,000 on naval armaments. "There is one thing which I do admire about your great country," he had said, "and that is your splendid isolation, and the manner in which you so zealously protect your colonies and your very vital trade routes."

Naval Limitation.

Proceeding, Captain King said they read in the newspapers about conferences, but upon reflecting they were bound to come to the conclusion that whilst the representatives of other nations were very ready to come and sit round a table none were eager to limit themselves. Their one desire was that Britain should limit, and the sole reason was because we were a nation of seamen, and held sway over about four-fifths of the globe. In his opinion so long as we maintained our possessions it was vital that we should have the necessary cruisers to protect our trade routes.

It had been said that aircraft would play a very vital part in future wars and would be able to dominate our sea routes, but he was not so sure that that would be the case. After all a ship was a very small target, and was it logical to expect that we should have no aircraft with which to meet such an attack? With regard to a means of combating aircraft there had never been a weapon discovered without an antidote being found a short time afterwards.

The antidote against air attack was to train men to meet it, and it was his suggestion that not merely Royal Naval Reserve officers should be trained, but all and sundry who desired to interest themselves in it. He believed that the present-day Merchant Navy would quickly assimilate the facts of what was being done in the air, and was strongly in favour of the club framing some resolution with regard to the advisability of specialised training.

After the speaker had answered a few questions, Capt. Clarke suggested that as subsidies had been given by a past Government in respect of certain vessels which were "aircraft" for the mounting of six-inch guns, so might a subsidy be given now for the new fast ships which were contemplated provided they were suitable for conversion into aircraft-carriers.

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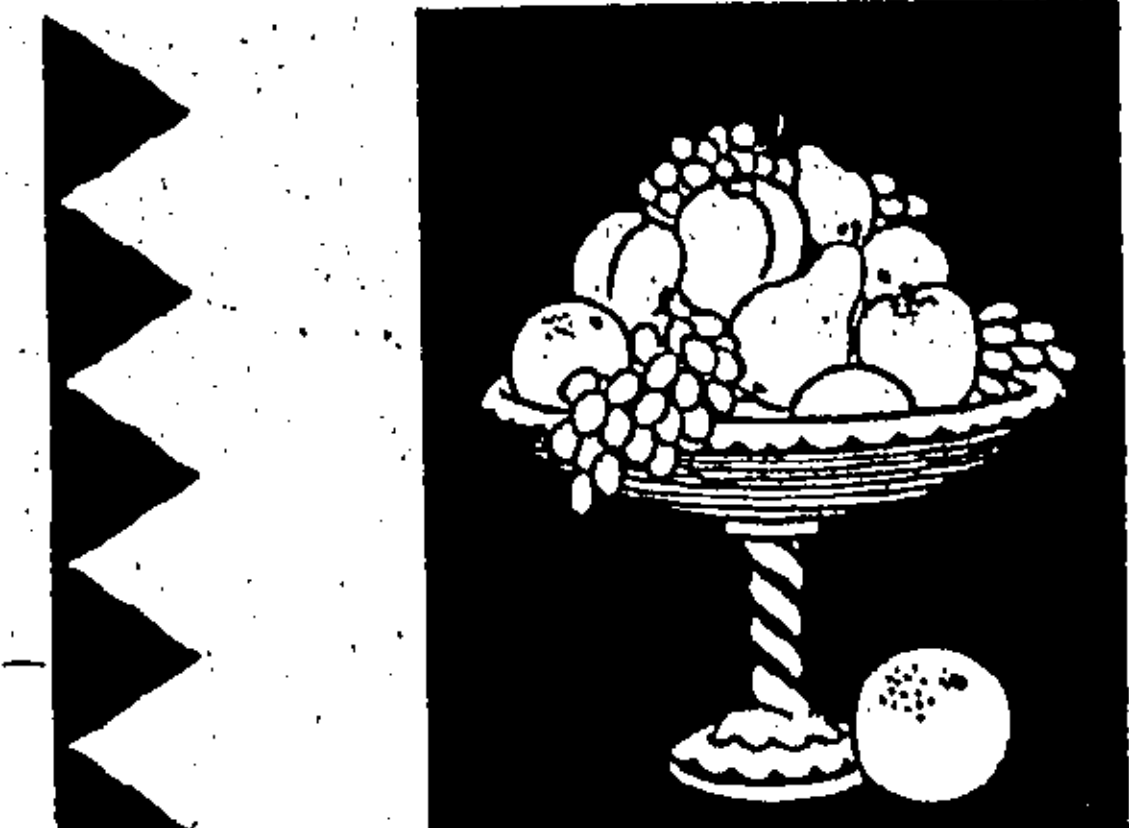
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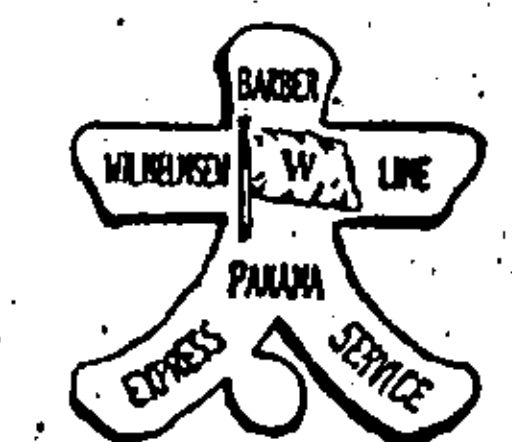
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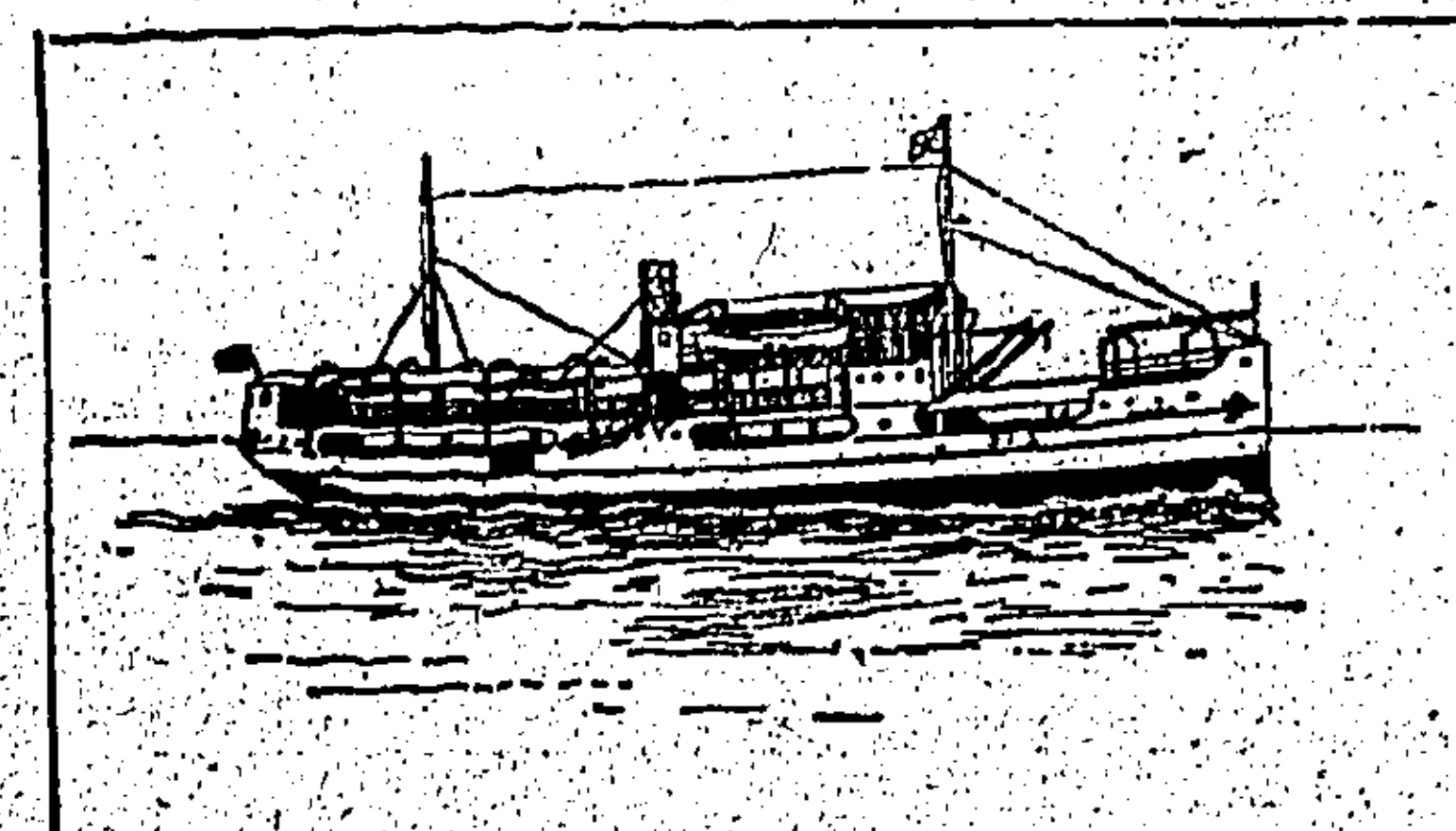
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SINGAPORE BASE.

No surprise need be created at the report in a London paper that the Government will soon consider the future of the Singapore Base. We are informed that in view of the agreement at the Naval Conference not to replace the battleship tonnage until 1936, Government circles are inclined to the view that Singapore as a battleship base is no longer necessary. Consequently a plan will be considered for adapting the work already done to a depot for airships and seaplanes in a scheme of inter-Imperial communications. It is added that the Dominions which contributed to the outlay on the Base will be consulted before a decision is reached.

The Labour Government apparently envisages a period when all battleships will be obsolete—that year by year this battleship and that shall be scrapped and never replaced, not even in 1936. Otherwise, how can it reconcile its opinion that Singapore is no longer necessary as a battleship base? In view of its past record in relation to the Singapore Base any action taken now by the Labour Government cannot come as a surprise. It is quite capable even of scrapping all the work hitherto done on the Base and writing off the entire cost of that work. Its folly is only exceeded by its ignorance of our naval needs in the Orient. It is utterly incapable of taking a long view of the situation. All that it cares about is the wooing of notoriety—misnamed popularity—in the sweet name of disarmament and a world Peace that shall never dawn in our day and generation. It is all very well to be in the limelight, to entertain foreign delegates, to get photographs and top lines in the daily papers—but serious statesmen think not about such baubles. Publicity has no appeal for them.

Even if battleships were to be obliterated from the Navy list, to-morrow the need for the Singapore Base for cruisers, destroyers, and other craft would still exist. For these the Base could naturally be easily adapted—more easily, in fact, than for a depot for airships and seaplanes. The latter could be a natural complement of any development, but certainly not a substitute. It is all very well to state that those Dominions which contributed to the cost of the Base shall be consulted before any decision is reached. Hong Kong is not a Dominion, only a tiny Colony, but even Hong Kong would never have contributed \$200,000 had it been possible to ignore the wrecking policy of the Labour Government. The Base is as essential to the safety of Hong Kong and of its trade routes as to those of New Zealand and Australia, or even India. Anything that lessens the natural precautions in time of peace for war or for an international crisis not tantamount to war must be deprecated in the strongest language possible. Give Singapore a depot for airships and seaplanes by all means. The expenditure shall never be grudged in any scheme of Imperial communications. We must have the air sense as well as a naval sense—but the latter cannot be jettisoned at the mere bidding of politicians in Britain. The sooner this is brought home to the Labour Government, the better. Let the Wreckers keep their hands off the Singapore Base and stick to parish pump politics!

News in Brief

The China Mail is asked to state that owing to the death of the proprietor in India, the Kashmir Silk Store and Bombay Silk Store are closed to-day.

The Wah-Hing Cheung wine and spirit shop, of Eastern Street, West Point, were yesterday summoned before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, at the Central Magistracy, for attempting to defraud the Government by tampering with duty-paid labels affixed to jars of wine from Aberdeen. The licensee of the shop and a Toki were both convicted and fined \$1,000 and \$500 respectively. A second Toki was discharged.

A Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, with a certain offence against a married woman, and with harbouring her. On the application of Mr. Frank X d'Almada, the hearing of the case was fixed for Friday afternoon. Accused was allowed bail in the sum of \$500.

April 26 has been fixed as the Feast of the Blessed Don Bosco, but as this date is Saturday in Abis, the Salesian Institute will hold the ceremony on May 4. There will be Community Mass, with Ferrovino, at 7.30 a.m., Solemn High Mass at 9.30 a.m., and a sermon by the Rev. Father Granelli followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, at 4 p.m.

STABBING AFFRAY.

Three Chinese Appear in Court.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith took evidence in a case in which three Chinese appeared on serious charges arising out of an armed robbery which was committed at Ngan Chin Wai, Kowloon City, on April 12. The victims of the robbery were a Chinese and his wife, and in a struggle with the intruders, the man was stabbed in the shoulder. The robbers decamped after about two or three minutes, taking with them a basket containing money and other property. They were chased but were lost sight of in a pad field. Eventually first accused was arrested by a watchman of the Takung Rifle Range. He had in his possession the basket stolen from the house. Second accused was arrested by the Police on information given by No. 1, and third accused on information given by the male victim of the robbery who told the Police that he knew the man who had stabbed him and gave his name as Hong Hung.

The case was adjourned.

GUN CASE.

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What is a "Missile" in the Ordinance, Mr. Rendall submitted that it can have only one meaning, and that is the same as "shot" or "bullet." The cork used in the gun in Court could be fired only a few yards at the most, and then it required considerable skill to shoot it in a given direction. It could do no harm, and therefore could not be included in the meaning of the Ordinance, although it was a weapon that was capable of projecting a missile. The direction of the missile fired from this gun depended upon how the cork was fixed.

The Licence Question.

Speaking on the point of getting licences for these guns, Mr. Rendall said that supposing that defendant had been to the Licensing Office he would have taken the Chinese clerk's statement that a licence was not necessary as authoritative. "In my case, of course, I went to the fountain-head, and I have no licence."

Mr. Rendall added that it was ridiculous to suggest that a licence was necessary for such a gun, which was the most popular of boys' toys. He pointed out the trouble that parents would get into if they wished to give a pop-gun as a birthday present to their children. They would first have to apply for a licence, then produce the licence when buying the gun, and the children would have to carry their licences every time they went out with the guns.

He asked the Magistrate to say that pop-guns did not come under the definition of the Ordinance.

Police Objections.

Mr. Murphy said that the Police view was that shooting galleries were undesirable, and that the people attending them could acquire a lot of practice in the use of arms, and in view of the fact that arms similar to the one produced in Court had been used for intimidation, it was possible that the suggestion might occur to some of the people using these galleries. Therefore he asked the Magistrate to rule that it came under the Ordinance.

The Magistrate said that he did not know what was the real objection to shooting galleries, and he would not like to think that they were undesirable merely because they might suggest ideas.

However, he must find that pop-guns did technically come under the definition in the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance. Therefore he convicted defendant, and imposed a nominal fine of \$1.

Mr. Rendall: I want to apply for a summons against Sincere's for selling a pop-gun without a licence.

Found Guilty.

The Magistrate said he could do so. In view of the Magistrate's finding, Mr. Rendall pleaded "guilty."

BRITAIN'S PROMISE TO WORKERS.

GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY EIGHT-HOURS' TREATY.

WORLD CONFERENCE.

Paris, Yesterday.
 That the British Government will proceed with the utmost speed with the steps necessary to ratify the Washington Eight Hours' Convention, was promised by Miss Margaret Bondfield at this morning's session of the governing body of the International Labour Office, sitting here. She said that the passage of the Government's Bill would depend on the limitations imposed on the Labour Government's position in the House of Commons, but the measure would be among the first of the important bills to which the Government was pledged. Miss Bondfield dwelt on the increasing need of an international agreement as regards workers and hoped that the British Government's action would stimulate and accelerate the establishment of international regulations.—Reuter.

HELENA MAY.

Attempt at an Intelligent Report.

MR. ORE'S PUPILS.

No greater tribute could have been paid to the tutorial skill of Mr. Harry Ore than the finished style in which some of his pupils performed pianoforte pieces at the Helena May Institute last evening. The Chinese pupils gave quite lively and inspiring interpretations of Chopin, Beethoven, and Liszt, but Miss Gladys Heard's was easily the best performance. Mr. Sergei Stupin, who played Popper's "Hungarian Rhapsody" exquisitely on the cello, stands in a class apart. Mr. Ore himself played two short pieces by Schumann with his customary quiet confidence.

We are unable to give a longer criticism, since our representative was permitted to enter the hall only on the condition that he gave "an intelligent report." Apart from the intelligence test, he is unable to "report" music.

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It looks as if automatic telephones have come to Hong Kong to stay, just the same as they have all over the world; therefore it is not much use sighing for the time when the operator was there to take the blame. The only person to blame, excepting in very rare cases, will be yourself, if your call goes wrong. Make an effort therefore to visit the demonstration model in the Telephone Co.'s offices at Exchange Building, fourth floor, and most of your problems will be solved.

on behalf of his four clients to technical offences, and they were also fined \$1 each.

Mr. Murphy asked for an order for the defendants to cease carrying on the gallery.

Mr. Rendall: I presume if they get licences they will carry on. Mr. Murphy: No licences will be issued.

Mr. Grantham: In that case there is no need for an order.

The confiscation of the gun in Court was ordered by the Magistrate automatically. The sixth defendant, Ip Chin, was then charged with running a gallery at 122, Des Voeux Road, Central, where sixteen pop-guns were found. He pleaded "guilty" and was also fined \$1.

LOCAL JOCKEY AS COMPLAINANT.

CHINESE FITTER WHO STOLE HIS CAR LICENCE.

"PICKED IT UP."

Mr. F. M. L. Soares, a gentleman rider, was the complainant at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in a case in which Wong Tuk (42) a fitter, was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with the theft of a driver's licence, within the past ten days, the property of the complainant. The defendant was alternatively charged with receiving.

In answer to the charge, the defendant said that he picked up the licence outside the Peninsula Hotel, and kept it.

No Right To It.

His Worship said that he would take that as a plea of guilty to stealing, as picking up anything was the same as a theft. He had no right to it, and defendant should have handed it back to the Police.

Detective - Sergeant Naughton stated that the defendant was searched in the street yesterday morning by a detective and the licence was found in his pocket, wrapped up with two other motor-ing appliances.

Reading defendant's record sheet, his Worship pointed out that he had four previous convictions, including 14 days for unlawful possession, and one month and six weeks respectively for larceny. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

JAPANESE PRINCE.

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ON WAY TO EUROPE.

Their Imperial Highness the Prince and Princess Takamatsu will arrive here, on their way to Europe, by the s.s. Kashima Maru on Friday.

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Prince's Career.
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On December 1, 1925, he was commissioned Sub-Lieutenant, 2nd Class in the Imperial Japanese Navy and was decorated with the Grand Cordon of the Chrysanthemum, being transferred to H.M.S. Fusao on the same day; the following year to the Furutaka.

On completing the ordinary courses of the Torpedo School and the Naval Gunner School, the num, being transferred to H.M.S. Hiei in 1927. In the same year he promoted to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant, 1st Class, and started on a visit to Australian ports on board the Yakumo of the Training Squadron.

After the voyage, the Prince was attached to H.M.S. Haruna in February, 1929, and in September of the same year was ordered to be on the Naval General Staff, and is still in the office.

His Imperial Highness married Princess Kikuko on February 4, 1930.

Ten Years Ago

[From the "China Mail," April 30, 1920.]

To-day's dollar is worth 4/- 8½d.

The Gazette to-day gives the newly revised traffic regulations. We observe that a driver may pass a tram-car on either side provided that the road is clear ahead. We think they should have added the words: "And provided the car is not visibly stopping or approaching a recognised stopping place."

The China Mail has warned the Government and motorists before of this very necessary precaution, usual in well organised cities; and when a motor car does get somebody stepping off a tram, we shall remind them again. Regulation 39 says a driver shall not carry a corpse in a public vehicle! Is this a hint that drivers need not stop to pick up the corpses they manufacture?

We hope, however, that it is understood that in the event of a risk of a falling while riding, the only way to the police to prove, if they prosecute the puller, that he knew of it.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"Melody Lane" at the Queen's Theatre.

CATCHY TUNES.

Eddie Leonard, famous American "negro minstrel," is seen and heard to great advantage in "Melody Lane," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre. Together with Josephine Dunn, "Eddie" portrays the trials and tribulations of a young vaudeville couple who drift apart, and after many vicissitudes, finally come together.

It can hardly be said that the theme, or the handling of it, is very original, but Leonard introduces one or two tuneful numbers into the film, and the heroine acts in the most acceptable manner. The picture was very well received by the audience last night, and makes good entertainment, some of the glimpses of vaudeville life in America being very well done.

The feature film is preceded by an attractive picture, "The Love Tree," and the Brox Sisters entertain in a vaudeville.

ERNEST TORRENCE'S SCOTS ACCENT HEARD IN "UNTAMED."

Ernest Torrence has taken his Scottish accent out of the moth-balls, dusted it thoroughly and is using it in Joan Crawford's first all-talking picture, "Untamed," which will come on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre.

The gigantic Ernest was taken to America originally to play a very Scottish Scotsman in musical comedy. For years he aired his natural Highland tongue in scores of stage productions. During the last decade, however, he has been in silent pictures and there has been no need for the peculiar intonation of those who come from Glasgow, Edinburgh, or Aberdeen.

"Untamed," however, gave him his first Scottish role in talkies—and the "burr" which had almost disappeared from the Torrence diction has returned miraculously overnight.

Besides Torrence and the star, Joan Crawford, the cast of "Untamed" includes Holmes Herbert, John Miljan Cunard, Don Terry, Gwen Lee, Eddie Nugent, and Tom O'Brien.

"BRAVEHEART."

From the play "Strongheart," written by William de Mille, his brother, Cecil B. de Mille produced it on the silver screen as "Braveheart." This film, starring Rod La

Roque, and Lillian Rich, is the attraction at the Majestic Theatre for the last time to-day at the usual times.

De Mille, it is generally said, is lavish in his productions, and executes his directorship with like skill. That is what de Mille has brought into "Braveheart"—a vivid conception of Indian fishing nights at Nehowan River, their customs and tribal living.

In the featured role of Braveheart, Rod La Roque is typical, and his acting is graded as that of the highest.

In the course of the film, scenes of Strathmore College, where Braveheart is sent to learn the white man's business, are depicted, also an American football match.

Lillian Rich is the opposite star, and Robert Edison, Arthur Honsman, Tyrone Power, and Frank Hagney are in the cast.

The next change, to-morrow, will be "The Fifty-fifty girl," with Bebe Daniels and James Hall.

YAUMATI THEATRE.

To Be Opened To Public in July.

Built to accommodate 1,000 people, a new building in Waterloo Road, known as the Yaumati Theatre will be functioning in July, when British and Chinese films will be shown.

The new theatre is situated in very busy and thickly populated surroundings, its northern boundary being Waterloo Road, eastern boundary Shanghai Street, western boundary Reclamation Street, and a smaller street forms the square enclosure. It is near the Yaumati Post Office.

The Yaumati Theatre has an imposing entrance made of granite, and the building on the whole is modern, its roof being strongly constructed with iron.

There will be three classes, first, second and third, the first class holding 300 people, second 300 and third 400.

The owners are the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd.

"THE NEW YORKERS."

Play to a Poor House at the Star Theatre.

That versatile toe-dancer, Ruth Van Valey, and her troupe of New Yorkers gave another delightful performance at the Star Theatre last night, but they were very poorly supported by the Hong Kong theatre-goers.

Although there was hardly a new item on the programme, all the turns were refreshing and delightful. Ruth Van Valey and Smiling

MURDER CHARGE.

Man's Head Nearly Severed

CHOPPER AS WEAPON.

A Chinese named Fung Yau was today charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the murder of a compatriot named Tam Chap on the second floor of 345, Queen's Road West, on April 28.

Accused did not plead. He seemed to think deeply for a couple of seconds, and then queried: "Tam Chap?"

Divisional Inspector Bloor told the Magistrate that he had been instructed by Mr. T. Murphy to ask for a week's formal remand.

Asked for the facts, the Inspector said that at about 4 p.m. on the 28th, the accused set fire to an unoccupied cubicle on the floor where the tragedy occurred.

Then, picking up a chopper, he proceeded to the bath house, a sort of lean-to shed, where the master was having a bath. He hacked twice at him with the chopper, alleged the Inspector.

The first stroke nearly severed the man's head, and the other split his skull.

The accused then attacked a second man, it was alleged, and also wounded him in the head. Ten other men living in the house then cornered accused on the verandah and were attempting to disarm him, when accused called their attention to the fire in the cubicle. Having successfully diverted their attention from him, accused escaped from the house.

He came back at 7 o'clock the following morning and was arrested.

Mr. Lindsell inquired about the motive, and the Inspector said that the motive was not clear at present, but there appeared to have been an old quarrel between the two men. The second man was wounded when he attempted to intercept the accused as he was coming from the bath-house.

In giving a week's formal remand, the Magistrate directed that accused be kept under observation in the meantime, in case the question of insanity was raised at a later stage.

Inspector Bloor replied that this would be done.

Jack Medford carried the performance through with flying colours. Their terpsichorean art is the envy of all dancers.

The Manikins act was also well received.

The company are giving their last performance to-night.

UNION CHURCH.

Excellent Acting in Two Plays.

The closing event of the social season at the Union Church, Kowloon, took place last night, two amusing one-act plays being given, supported by pianoforte solos by Mrs. Dinren and comedians by Mr. D. F. Warren.

The plays were, "The Man with the Bowler Hat" and "Five Birds in a Cage." The latter farce was better, the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Johnston taking the leading parts, ably assisted by three young members of the Young Peoples' Society. Mr. Johnston in the role of "Lord Porth" was the cause of much laughter.

Refreshments were served during an interval between the plays.



The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 35 metres:

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-7.15 p.m.—A Talk by Messrs. Stevenson, Grenham and Banks.
The Crew of the Masked.

7.15-8 p.m.—Music relayed from Queen's Theatre.

8 p.m.—The Opera "Pagliacci" Columbia Records by courtesy of Anderson Music Company.

"Pagliacci: (1)—Prelude, Act" (Leoncavallo),
"Pagliacci: (2)—Prologue (First Part) (Weatherley and Leoncavallo),
Harold Williams, Baritone with the British National Opera Company's Orchestra.

"Pagliacci: (3)—Prologue (Conclusion) (Weatherley and Leoncavallo),
Harold Williams, Baritone with the British National Opera Company's Orchestra.

"Pagliacci: (4)—Opening Chorus, Act 1, 'They Come, They Come,'
Frank Mullings, Heddie Nash and Chorus with the British National Opera Company's Orchestra.

"Pagliacci: (5)—This Evening At Seven of the Clock,"
Frank Mullings, Heddie Nash, Harold Williams & Chorus.

"Pagliacci: (6)—Such A Game,"
Frank Mullings, Mariam Licette and Chorus.

"Pagliacci: (7)—Hark, 'Tis The Bagpipes and Bell Chorus (1st Part),"
Frank Mullings and Chorus.

"Pagliacci: (8)—(a) Bell Chorus (Conclusion); (b) How Fierce He Looks," (a) The Chorus (b) Mariam Licette, Soprano.

"Pagliacci: (9)—Balladella; High Aloft They Cry,"
"Pagliacci: (10)—I Know That You Hate Me,"
Miriam Licette and Harold Williams.

"Pagliacci: (11)—You Mock Me; Too Long I've Borne It,"
"Pagliacci: (12)—My Fate Is In Thy Hand,"
Miriam Licette, Harold Williams and Dennis Noble.

"Pagliacci: (13)—Why Hast Thou Taught Me?"
Miriam Licette and Dennis Noble.

"Pagliacci: (14)—Trend Lightly, Lightly,"
Miriam Licette, Frank Mullings, Dennis Noble and Harold Williams.

"Pagliacci: (15)—Ah, Stay, Good Master,"
Frank Mullings, Heddie Nash and Harold Williams.

"Pagliacci: (16)—On With The Molly,"
Frank Mullings, Tenor.

"Pagliacci: (17)—Intermezzo, Act 2" (Leoncavallo),
The British National Opera Company's Orchestra.

"Pagliacci: (18)—Opening Chorus Act 2, 'Quickly, Sweet, Gossip,'
Miriam Licette, Dennis Noble, Heddie Nash, Harold Williams and Chorus.

9 p.m.—Weather Report.
The following Programme will be relayed from Studio:

Piano: Mr. H. Ore.
Violin: Mrs. H. Balean.
Accompanist: Mrs. Griggs.

1. Piano Solos: (a) Menuet in E Flat Major (Mozart),
(b) Sonata No. 17 in D Minor (Beethoven).

2. Violin Solos: Polonaise Brilliant (Wieniewski),
3. Ah, Yes, 'Tis Now The Hour Entering," (Pagliacci) Columbia Record.

4. Piano Solos: (a) Prelude, Song Without Words (Mendelssohn) And Scherzo,
(b) Romance in F Sharp Major Davis Candler March. (Schuman).

5. Violin Solos: (a) Caprice Viennoise (Kreisler),
(b) Canzonetta from Concerto Romantique (Godard),
(c) Yes, Fairlydye.

6. Pure, yes, I Know Them Art. (Pagliacci) Columbia Record.

7. Piano Solos: (a) Nocturne in F Sharp Major,
(b) Valse in G Flat Major,
(c) Polonaise in A Major, Chopin,
(d) Goldshower from the Weeping Tree, (Cantonese Melody) (H. Ore).

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Between Island Lot No. 2833 and Boundary Street, Kowloon Tong.	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$ \$
			As per sale plan, 5,000	50	4,000

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Diamond Hill.	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	about	\$ \$
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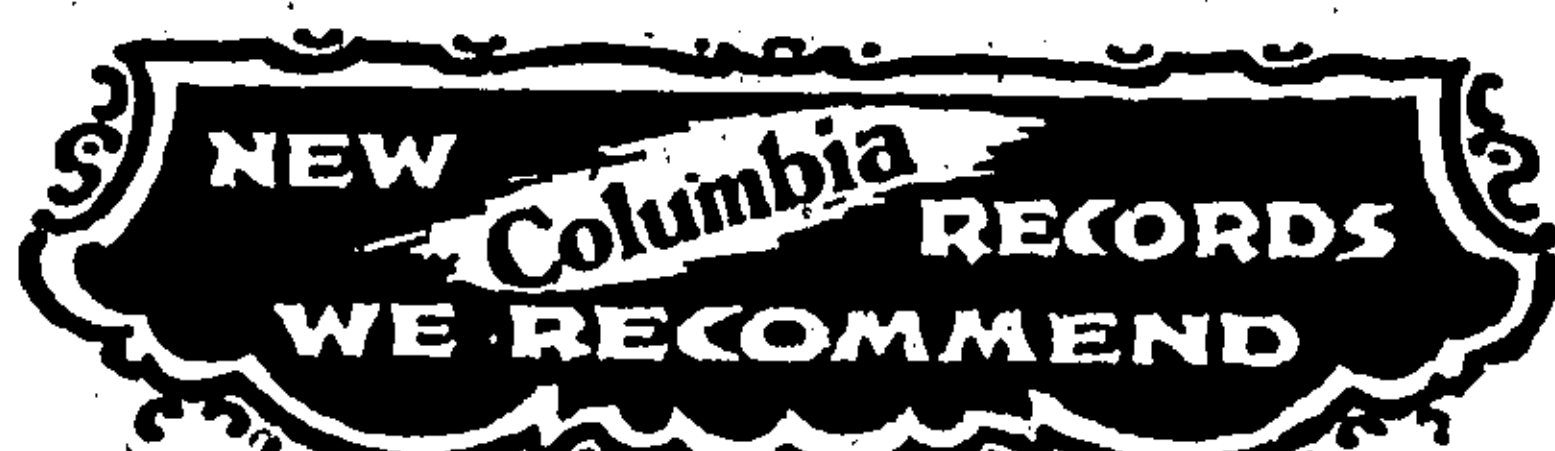
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			As per sale plan, 14,980	50	4,000

c) Prelude in G Minor (Rachmaninoff).
8. Violin Solos: Rondo: Capriccioso (Saint-Saens).
9. No. Punctilios, No More. (Pagliacci) Columbia Record.

10.50 p.m. (Approx.)—Close Down.

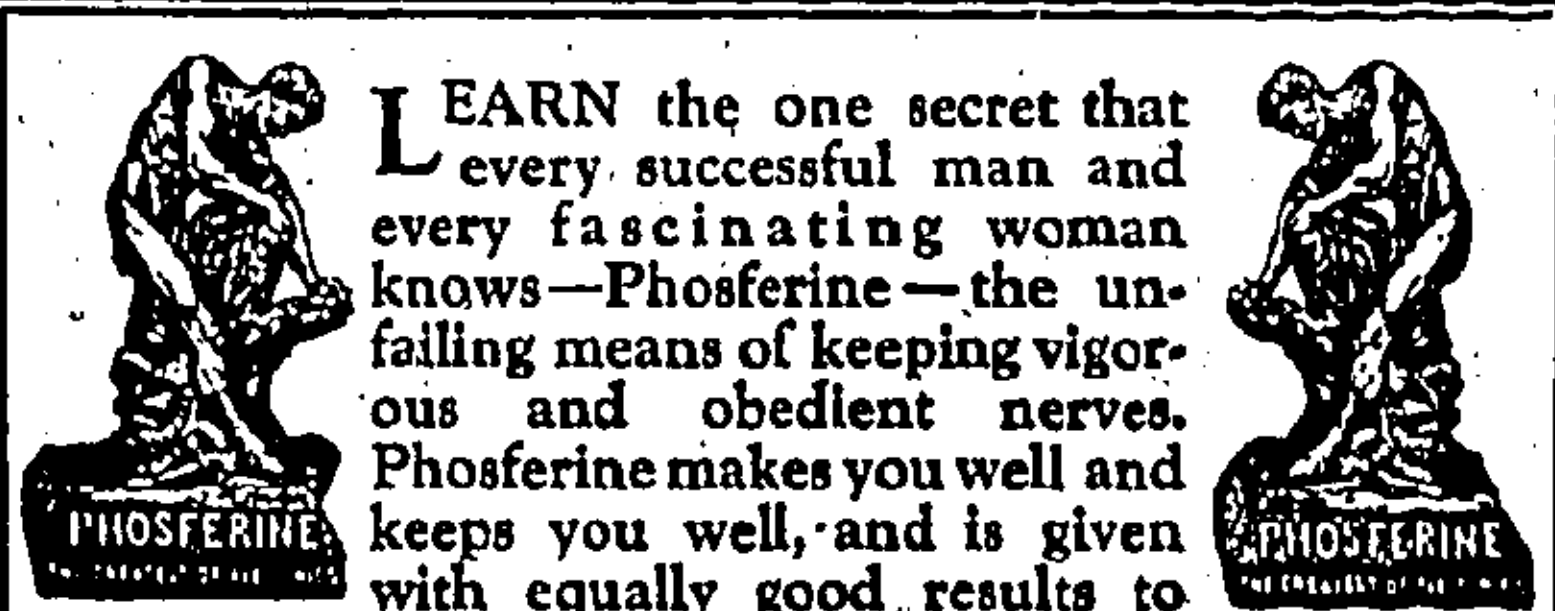


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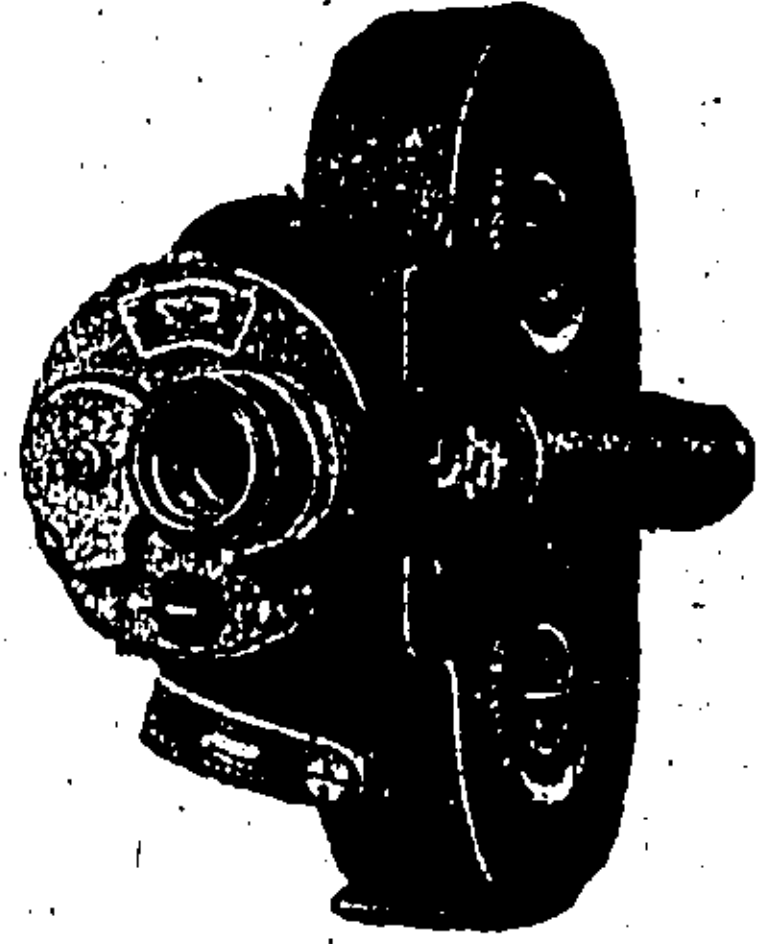
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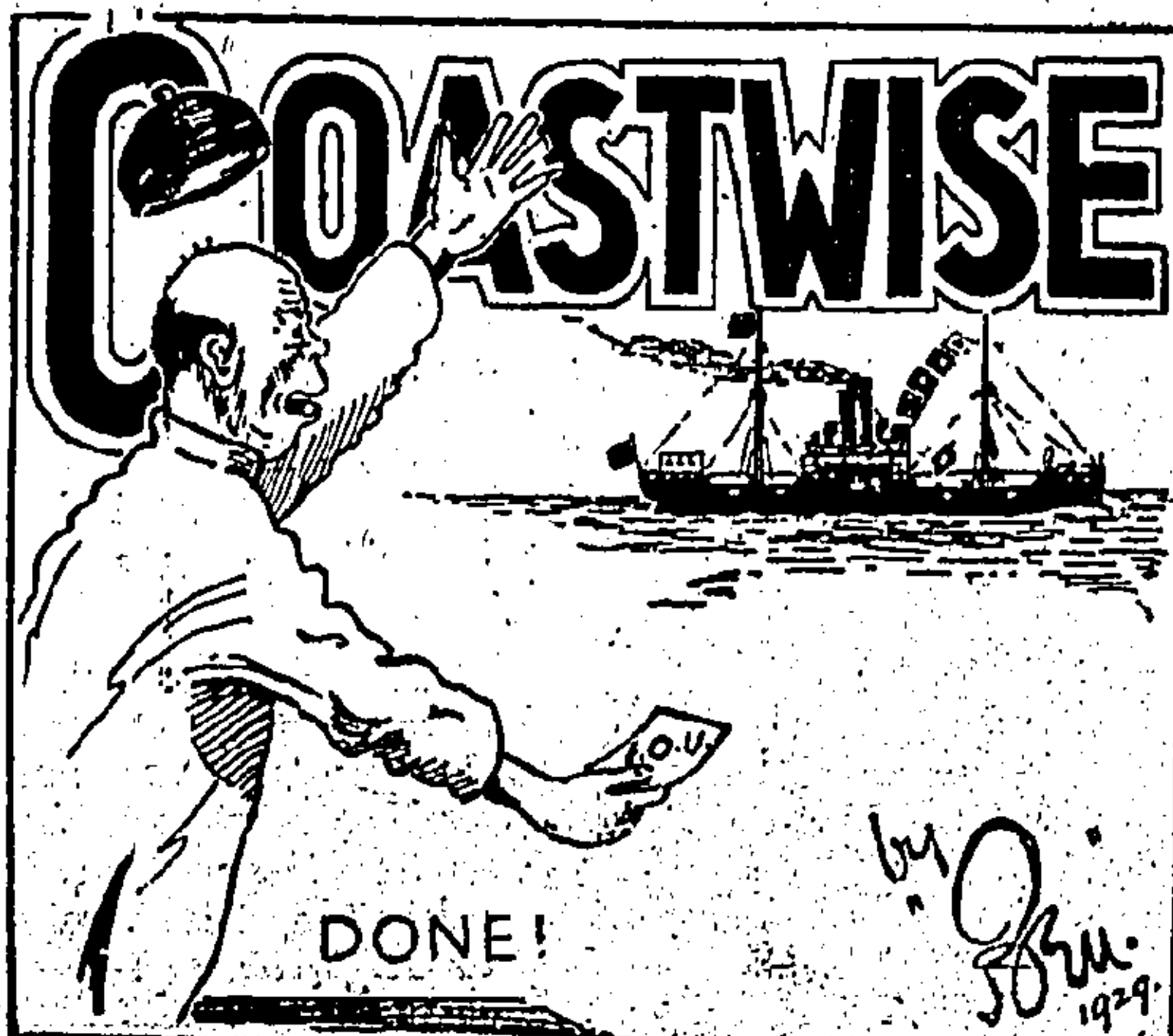
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Sport Columns

INDIAN ATHLETES HERE.

OFF TO FAR EASTERN OLYMPICS.

INNOVATION THIS YEAR.

The *China Mail* had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Mr. S. K. Mukerjee, coach and manager-delegate of the Indian Far Eastern Olympic team, which is on its way to take part in the meet at Tokyo on May 24. The party are aboard the B.I. s.s. Tilawa, which arrived here yesterday morning, and will sail for Japan on Thursday. The athletes will detrain at Kobe, and do the balance of the journey to Tokyo by rail.

This is, of course, the first time that Indian athletes have taken

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Football—To-day—Division II.—South China "A" v. South China "B", Caroline Hill; Eastern v. University, H.K.F.C. ground; Kowloon F.C. v. H.K.F.C., Kowloon F.C. ground.

May 1—Referees' Association, 5.30 p.m.

Tennis—To-day—Exhibition Matches, H.K.C.C. ground, 4.45 p.m.

May 1—Entries close for K.C.C. Tournament.

May 10—Tennis League commences.—Division "A"—H.K.C.C. v. C.R.C.; S.C.A.A. v. I.R.C.; M.B.K. v. K.C.C.; Division "B"—C.R.C. v. N.C.; H.K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.; U.S.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.; E.Y.M.C.A. v. I.R.C.; K.C.C. v. C.C.C.; Division "C"—C.S.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; C.T.C. v. F.C.; K.C.C. v. C.R.C.; Club de Recreio v. I.R.C.; H.K.U.T.C. v. K.I.T.C.

May 12—K.C.C. tournament commences.

Sports—To-day—Entries close for Open Mile Race at Hong Kong Area Athletic Sports.

May 23—Hong Kong Area Military Athletic Sports, Army Athletic Ground, Soekumpoo.

Golf—Saturday and Sunday—Captain's Cup, Fanling.

Racing—May 17—Extra Race Meeting.

Lawn Bowls—May 3—League commences.—Division I.—K.B.R.C. v. C.C.C.; K.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.; Police R.C. v. Club de Recreio; C.S.C.C. v. Talkoo R.C.; Division II.—Talkoo R.C. v. R.H.K.Y.C.; C.C.C. v. K.C.C.; Club de Recreio v. C.S.C.C.; K.B.G.C. v. H.K. Electric Co.

May 10—Entries for Open Singles Championship close.

Water Polo—May 10—Entries close for League, 6 p.m.

HOME

Rugby Football—May 3—Rugby League Cup Final, Wembley.

Golf—May 6-9—British Professional Championship, Southport.

May 12-16—British Ladies' Open Championship, Formby.

May 15—Walker Cup—Great Britain v. America, St. George's Golf Club.

May 23-24—England v. Scotland, St. Andrew's.

May 26-31—Amateur Championship, St. Andrew's.

Racing—May 7—Two Thousand Guineas, Newmarket.

May 13—Chester Cup.

May 17—Jubilee Handicap, Kempton Park.

Cricket—May 17-19—M.C.C. v. Australians, Lord's.

May 31-June 3—Test Trial Match, England v. The Rest, Lord's.

part in the Far Eastern Olympics, which are open to Oriental nations only, but India has had teams entered in the World's Olympiad on a good many occasions. The present trip being in the nature of an experiment, it was decided not to send a full team, and to compete in track and field events only. After careful consideration, three of India's most prominent trackmen were chosen. They are Messrs. A. Hamid, M. Sutton, and A. Yusuf.

Good Records.
Mr. Hamid, who is an employee of the North-Western Railway at Lahore, is a graduate of the Punjab University. He is only 24 years old and has a fine athletic record, being Champion of India in the High and Low hurdles, and has also beaten all comers in the 100, 200, and 400 yds. He will compete in the Decathlon events for his country against the pick of the athletes of

HOME FOOTBALL.

Rochdale's Defeat of Carlisle.

NORTHERN SECTION.

London, Yesterday.
Playing in the Northern section of Division III, Rochdale defeated Carlisle, the result being:

Rochdale 2 Carlisle 0

—Reuter.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Port Vale	40	28	7	7	104	37	68
Stockport	41	27	7	7	104	37	68
Darlington	42	22	6	14	103	73	50
Chesterfield	42	22	6	14	70	56	50
Lincoln	42	17	14	11	83	61	48
York	41	18	18	10	75	60	48
Sheff. Shields	41	18	14	9	72	46	48
Hartlepool	41	16	11	14	77	74	48
Crewe	41	17	8	16	82	69	42
Southport	41	14	13	14	79	74	41
Tranmere	42	16	9	17	88	86	41
Rochdale	41	17	7	17	86	89	41
N. Brighton	41	16	8	17	89	77	40
Doncaster	41	16	9	17	82	67	39
Carlisle	41	15	7	19	85	101	37
Accrington	41	14	8	19	82	79	36
Wigan	41	13	7	21	60	83	33
Nelson	41	13	7	21	50	75	33
Wrexham	41	12	8	21	62	87	32
Rotherham	41	11	8	22	67	100	30
Halifax	42	10	8	24	44	79	28
Barrow	41	11	5	25	41	98	27

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

Inter-Part Ships' League.

Naval football enthusiasts played a strenuous game on the Dockyard ground yesterday afternoon. The participants were the Forecastle-men and the Communications of the Hermes, in an Inter-Part Ship's League. For the men won by five goals to nil, so that Communications remain at the foot of the League table, which is set out below. Teams:—

Forecastle-men.—Buckingham; Oughton, Carey; Frost, Bunham, Trimmings; Cousins, Longmire; Davis, Kay, Savage.

Communications.—Parkins; Applin, Clarke; Dover, Ness, Foinette; Johnson, White, Williams, Palmer, Saunders.

The Inter-Part Ship's League table, up to date, is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Engine-Room	5	5	0	0	19	2	10
Quarterdeck	6	4	2	0	19	11	8
R. Marines	6	3	2	0	12	7	6
R.A.F.	6	2	3	1	8	12	5
Central	4	2	2	0	6	6	4
Forecastle-men	4	1	2	1	5	6	3
F.A.A.	4	0	2	2	3	8	2
Communications	4	0	4	0	3	22	0

Japan, China and the Philippine Islands. Mr. Hamid had the honour of representing India at the World's Olympiad in Amsterdam two years ago.

Sprint Champion.

The second member of the team is Mr. M. Sutton, who although only 20 years old, is India's sprint champion. He has run the "100" in even time, and the 220 in 21 1/5 seconds. These times were put up on grass tracks, (there are no cinder paths in India) so it is likely that he will better them when he meets the other Oriental cracks in Japan. Mr. Sutton will compete in the sprint events, the running long jump, the hop, step and jump, and in the Pentathlon events.

He is employed by the Bengal Nagpur Railway.

A High Jumper.

Mr. A. Yusuf, an Inspector in the Calcutta Police force, and the third member of the party, has been champion high jumper of India for the last four years, his latest record being 5 ft. 11 inches.

An Experienced Coach.

Mr. S. K. Mukerjee, coach and manager, is well known in India as a keen supporter of physical culture and education. He is a graduate of Calcutta University, and has also spent some years at Springfield, Mass., and Harvard Universities in America, where he qualified as a Bachelor of Physical Education.

In 1924 he went with the Indian team to Paris for the Olympic games, and he is now director of physical education to the Y.M.C.A. in Calcutta, besides being Honorary Secretary to the Bengal Olympic Association.

The All-India Olympic Sports were held at Allahabad this year, and the athletes were sent to Japan by the Government. The President of the Indian Olympic Association, Mr. B. S. Puri, of Patiala, Punjab, was the one of the young athletes who came up to top notch before the ship by their indefatigable coach, who is looking very fit and feeling confident of success.

LAWN TENNIS.

Aragon's Dazzling Display.

YESTERDAY'S EXHIBITION

(By "Base Line.")

Brilliant weather favoured yesterday's exhibition match between Francisco Aragon, Champion of the Philippines, and Gordon Lum, Champion of Shanghai and China. A large crowd assembled long before the match commenced and quite a contingent of American sailors were present to see their Colonial representative.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Wilfred T. Southern, C.M.G., and Mrs. Southern, accompanied by Capt. Swayne, A.D.C., were interested spectators, and at the conclusion of the game, the players were introduced to His Excellency, who congratulated them on their fine display.

Brilliant Display.

Both players were of undoubtedly high standard and would in all probability be too good for any of our local talent. Aragon was assuredly the best player on the court and his straight set victory was only a fitting result of his brilliant and dashing exhibition. As I mentioned yesterday, his service was the one weak link in an otherwise strong chain. He served five or six double faults and seemed to take more than necessary out of himself when serving a medium paced ball. Lum, on the other hand, had a delightfully free action and there was more power behind his service than that of his opponent.

Straight Forehand Driving.

A better exhibition of straight forehand driving than that of Aragon would be hard to imagine. When on the defensive, Aragon was able to take the offensive on account of the accuracy and judgment behind each one of his shots. Lum was not contented with a base-line duel and sought the net on several occasions, only to be easily passed by superb driving and lobbing. Curious to relate, Aragon rarely forsook the base-line, and when he did he was also the loser of the point.

The anticipation and the consequent positioning of Aragon was uncanny. He was seldom found out of position and was always speedy when in action. The same cannot be said of Lum, who is not as fast on the court as he used to be, and on more than one occasion he lost points because of this lack of speed.

The Play Described.

Aragon took the first game with his service, and Lum, after one deuce, squared matters, only to see Aragon forge ahead by taking a string of four games. With the first set almost out of reach, Lum played pluckily and took the next two games to make the score 6-3, but he was unable to stop his brilliant opponent from taking the first set.

The second set saw Lum take a lead at 4-2, through careful placing and powerful driving. Aragon, however, was not in the least perturbed and took the next four games for the second set. Lum was expected to make good use of his opportunity, but he could not possibly resist the overwhelming attack of Aragon and was played off his feet. It was in this set that he lost many points when advancing to the net, and he frequently failed to time the ball and was over-driving.

Aragon in the fifth set took five games in succession after Lum had won his service, and only conceding one more game took the match at 6-2.

Variety Provided.

Lum provided variety, indulging in back spin shots and chop strokes, but his success at the net was limited. Aragon was content with a low back hand drive and his formidable forehand drive, both of which were beautifully executed.

TO-DAY'S GAME

Local Champions To Play Visitors.

The local Doubles Champions, H. D. and S. A. Runjahn, will play in an exhibition game this afternoon against Aragon and Gordon Lum. The result of this game will probably be a victory for the Runjahn cousins, as their years of match play together will stand them in good stead. As far as I can gather the visitors have not played together at all, and though they may be brilliant singles players it does not follow that they will form the perfect combination, which is needed to overcome the local players.

The Runjahns are undoubtedly a very fine doubles pair, and no matter how strong the opposition are individually, they will have to exert themselves and effect that essential understanding that is so productive of victory in order to shake the Colony's pride.

I think that the ability of the Runjahns in the volleying game will prove altogether too much for the visitors, although I would in no way be surprised if the tables were turned and Aragon and Lum brought off a sensational victory.

The match will begin at 4.45 p.m., and bookings for stand seats may be made at Messrs. Moult & Co. It is to be hoped that a large crowd will be present to witness the match, as a

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SPORTS GOSSIP.

Fragments from All Sources.

The salary of Babe Ruth, the 'Baseball King,' was fixed in March at \$16,000 a year for two years. This is an increase of \$2,000 on his previous salary.

L. N. Constantine the West Indian cricketer has undergone an operation that has necessitated his standing down from the fourth Test match which commenced on April 3. Constantine is considered by many as the world's best fieldsman.

Three world's swimming records were set up at St. Augustine, Florida, by American women swimmers. The feats were: Miss Lisa Lindstrom, 300 yds. in 3 min. 55 4/5 sec.; Miss Josephine McKim, 250 yds. in 3 min. 4 1/5 sec.; Miss Helene Madison, 200 metres in 2 min. 34 4/5 sec.

In four days two London anglers, Messrs. Simmons and Taylor, caught between 250lb. and 300lb. of pike and roach in the Stour, near Christchurch.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association has rejected the new and larger ball which will be adopted by the United States Golf Association in 1931. At its annual meeting the Association decided to follow the lead of the Royal and Ancient Club, saying it was deemed unwise to make a change at this time.

The largest roach caught in the Thames this season—an exceptionally fine specimen of 23 1/2 lb.—has been landed at Pangbourne by Mr. F. Chauveton, of the Blenheim Angling Society.

A splendid salmon, 54 lb. in weight, has been caught in Youghal Bay (Ireland) by Mr. J. Buttimer jun. It is about the largest salmon ever seen in Youghal.

Fishing in the Avon at Christchurch, near Bournemouth, Major Sopper has landed a salmon of 42lb.

part of the proceeds is to go to the Sepoy fund.

INDIAN R.C.

Entrance for Mixed Doubles.

A late entry—and incidentally a new one—to the Mixed Doubles division of the Tennis League is a team from the Indian Recreation Club.

The Club sent in its entry yesterday, and although the fixtures for the season have been drawn up, it was accepted, on the condition that the Indians made their own arrangements for the matches to be played off.

The dates for these have not been fixed yet, but it is definitely settled that they will play the Indian Recreation Club, Club de Recreio and Australis Tennis Club on their ground and the fixtures against United Services Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Craginow Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club away.

WAKEFIELD ESTATE.

Birthplace of George Washington.

Washington, Yesterday.
As part of a plan to restore the estate of Wakefield, Virginia, the birthplace of George Washington, the remains of over thirty members of the Washington family, all senior to George, have been removed from their present graves and placed in a new vault, where they lie beside John Washington, the first of the family to enter America, and Major Lawrence, Captain John, and Augustus Washington, respectively the great-grandfather, grand-father, and father of George.

When the restoration, has been completed the estate will be handed over to the National Government as a public park.—Reuter's American Service.

PARROTS BANNED.

London, Yesterday.
"In view of the considerable number of cases of Psittacosis in the past two months" the Health Ministry announces the prohibition of importation of all birds of the parrot species from May 20, except certified cases used in medical or veterinary research.—Reuter.

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NEW TALENT WANTED.

Further practices for the Far East Interport rifle match will be held on Saturday and Sunday next at Tai-koo Range, commencing at 2.30 p.m. each day. An invitation is extended to all shooting men not affiliated to local Clubs to come and "try out." Results of recent matches in the Hong Kong League are as follows:

On April 12 at Stonecutters, H.M. Dockyard beat the Volunteers by 625 points to 580; and Stonecutters E. beat the Volunteers by 700 points to 580, and the Somersets by 700 points to 662.

Four teams shot a match at Stonecutters on April 16, the scores being: Stonecutters E. 699, Somersets 655, Hong Kong Police 588, and Argyle and Sutherland 541.

On April 20, four teams shot at Stonecutters, the scores being: Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. 667, Tai-koo Rifle Club 666, R.A.F. (Kai Tak) 658, and Hong Kong Police 517.

On April 24, at Kowloon, the Argyle and Sutherland beat R.A.F. (Kai Tak) by 575 points to 545.

League Table.

The League table, corrected to April 25, is as follows:	
Stonecutters E.	9 0 18
1st Somerset I.L.	8 6 12
Tai-koo	7 5 12
(N. & M.) Y.M.C.A.	6 3 12
H.M. Dockyard	6 2 12
R.A.F. (Kai Tak)	7 2 5 4
Argyle (A. & S.)	4 1 3 2
Hong Kong Police	6 1 5 2
H.K. Police Reserve	2 0 2 0
H.E.V.C.	3 0 3 0

CHOPPER ATTACK.

Woman Who Did Not Want to Be Sold.

SERIOUS WOUNDS.

A Chinese man was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged before Mr. Whyte-Smith with assaulting a woman in the Asia Boarding House, Yau-mat, with a chopper. Defendant frankly admitted the charge.

Det-Serjt. Fitches, prosecuting, said that defendant became acquainted with the complainant (an inmate of a brothel) in the ninth month last year. After staying several nights with her they decided to go to Canton. On their return the defendant approached the complainant with a view to taking her to be sold to a brothel in Siam. She refused, and the defendant grabbed a chopper from the cook house and inflicted wounds on the woman's head and neck.

His Worship said that it was a serious case, and sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

CAFE'S OFFENCE.

An Insanitary Bakery for Cakes.

CONVICTION SECURED.

Mr. K. S. Hulse, manager of the Alexandra Cafe's bakery was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell for keeping the bakehouse, where cakes are made, in an insanitary condition. Notice was given to the defendant to remedy the condition on April 10, and on April 14, when the place was again visited, nothing had been done about it.

Defendant said that he had given instructions, but, as he could not always be downstairs, he could not see them carried out.

A Sanitary Inspector said that now the defendant was spending a lot of money cleaning up and generally renovating the place.

Magistrate: So that the taking out of this summons has had the desired effect?—Yes.

In view of the fact that defendant was now complying with the requirements of the Sanitary Department, Mr. Lindsell imposed a nominal fine of \$5.

ARREST RESISTED.

Peak Servant Objected to Search.

CONSTABLE AND ARMS.

A Chinese stated to be employed at 167, The Peak, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with resisting arrest by a Shantung constable on the Peak last evening.

The constable said that at about 6.30 p.m., he was walking along Mount Kellet Road, in the direction of Jardine's Bridge when the accused passed him near house No. 151, carrying an umbrella and a bundle. He stopped the accused and told him that he wanted to search the bundle.

Magistrate: Why?—Because I suspected he had arms in the parcel.

Mr. Lindsell: I don't believe it. Never heard of a man walking about the Peak with a bundle of arms. Absolute nonsense!

However, the constable was allowed to proceed with his evidence. He said that on being told he would be searched the accused used a very offensive expression and pushed witness away, saying: "I have no contraband. You can't search me."

"See His Master."

The constable asked accused to go to the station to be searched, but accused in turn asked the constable to accompany him to house No. 167 and see his master. When he was seized by the constable, accused struggled. Then an Indian constable came up whereupon the accused submitted and went to the station quietly.

The Indian constable corroborated about the accused using offensive language and struggling. Eventually another Chinese advised accused to go quietly, and he did so.

Accused said that he put up his hands immediately the constable said he wanted to search him.

The constable pointed out that accused could not have done so because he had the parcel and umbrella in his hands.

Accused: I held them up also! Asked by the Magistrate why he was arrested if he submitted, accused said that the constable accused him of being noisy in answering him.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 or 10 days' jail.

COAL MINES' BILL

Supported by the Lord Chancellor.

TENSION AND BITTERNESS

Rugby, Yesterday. Lord Sankey, the Lord Chancellor, moved in the House of Lords the second reading of the Coal Mines' Bill which, as he informed their Lordships, proposed firstly to regulate production and the sale of coal; secondly, to facilitate the re-organisation of the industry; thirdly to reduce working hours and; fourthly, to establish a National Board for the Industry.

Mr. Justice Sankey, who was Chairman of the Commission which reported on the coal situation of 1926, said that he was persuaded that the bill was a step in the right direction and would do something to dispel the cloud hanging over the great industry and remove the tension and bitterness which too long had darkened many a miners' home.

No Interference. The Marquess of Londonderry, who is himself a coalowner, intimated that on behalf of the Conservative majority in the House that they would not reject the bill on the second reading but would endeavour to modify and amend its provisions and return the Bill to the House of Commons in a less dangerous form. He contended that the coal industry required to be left to itself without interference and to continue its own methods of re-organisation.—British Wireless Service.

DUTY EVADED.

A Chinese was at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, fined

REDS ACTIVE.

Kwangtung Border Now Threatened.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED.

Canton, Yesterday. Communists Chu and Mao, who were recently defeated and chased into the Kwangtung Province into Kiangnan where they invaded Sunfeng, Tingnan and Lungnan on the southern border of Kiangsi, are now again threatening the Wooping district on the northern border of Kwangtung. The Wooping Magistrate, Mr. Liang Puchan, has declared martial law, prohibiting the public to enter or leave the entire district after 7 p.m.

A meeting was called at which it was decided that every village in the district should send 50 local militia to the city; to enlist new recruits for the defence of the district; that 1,000 volunteers be sent to Muling, about 60 li from Lungnan, to prevent further advance by the Reds; and to despatch a wire to the Canton authorities for reinforcement.

It is reported that the 8th Route Army Headquarters have ordered Brigadier General Mao Wei-shou and the Defence Commissioner, Lin Chuan-hung, of the East River, to proceed to Wooping and the surrounding districts.

Colonel Chang Chi-ying, of the 4th Independent Regiment, has been despatched to Swatow area to assist the Kiangsi authorities in laying siege to and exterminating the Reds.—Canton News Agency.

Yunnan to Attack.

Canton, Yesterday. A letter has been received from Counsellor Ho Tse-fong of the 6th Route Army, who was commissioned by the Yunnan Provincial Government to despatch three divisions of Yunnan troops, under Generals Lu Hui, Chu Kok, and Chang Feng-chun to attack the rebels in Kwangsi at the end of this month, and that Ho himself will return to Wuchow as soon as the Yunnan troops have departed from Yunnan.—Canton News Agency.

EXTRADITION CASE.

Sequel to Alleged Armed Robbery.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. R. E. Lindsell was again engaged with the extradition case in which the Canton authorities are seeking the surrender of a Chinese named Li Kan, a native of Nam Tao, for alleged armed robbery.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, for the alleged fugitive, argued at some length on the law of recent possession of stolen goods, found on a suspect soon after a robbery, insofar as it can be said to connect him directly with the affair, or the acts associated with it. His argument was supported by the fact that neither of the women witnesses was able to identify the alleged fugitive, and therefore there was no direct evidence that he had taken part in the robbery.

His Worship held that possession of jewellery by the fugitive was sufficiently recent to raise a presumption of guilt in default of any reasonable explanation.

The fugitive was therefore committed to Victoria Jail pending H.E. the Governor's order for his surrender to the Canton authorities.

SANITARY BOARD.

The fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon, when the report of the Committee appointed to consider the proposed changes in the estimates of the Department for 1931, was approved.

Eating house licences for Nos. 116 and 168 Queen's Road Central, and Nos. 117 and 119, Wellington Street were allowed to continue subject to closer supervision. This applied to another licence at No. 79, Kremer Street.

The question as to whether or not the licensees referred to should be allowed to continue business was raised at the last meeting.

\$70 with the alternative of one month's jail, for the possession of 36 bottles of Chinese wine, on which duty had been evaded.

Det-Serjt. Poyntz stated that the bottles were found concealed under some vegetables in the lavatory of the B. & S. steamer Sunning.

Have You Heard?

The new member of the City Council felt very proud of himself, and nodded amiably at any passer-by whom he thought he had seen before.

"Excuse me, sir," responded one man to whom he had given a particularly affable bow, "but I think I saw your likeness in the papers."

"Er—yes, my photograph has been rather prominent lately," gushed the new member.

"I thought I could tell your face again," continued the other. "And, do you know, I've tried that very same medicine for my rheumatism and it hasn't cured me."

Absent-minded Gentleman (at booking office): Give me a ticket, please.

Railway Clerk: What station, sir?

"Um—ah," was the reply. "What stations have you?"

Tramp: I ain't never 'ad a chance. No matter where I go, or 'wot I works at, my unlucky number bobs up and does me in, somehow.

Old Lady: What do you mean?

What's your unlucky number?

Tramp: Thirteen, lady—twelve juriesmen 'an' a judge!

Pa Hen: I ate a bushel of corn this morning.

Tommy Sparrow: How?

Pa Hen: I had four pecks, and that's a bushel.

Old Lady: I asked for a dozen oranges, and you've only given me eleven.

Mawker: That's orright, mum. One was bad, so I threw it away for yer.

First Crook: You're tryin' to see my cards!

Second Crook: Talk sense, man—didn't I deal 'em?

Author: I have been trying to think of a word for two weeks.

Friend: How about fortnight?

Old Lady (seeing friends off): They'll soon be starting 'now, my dear. Both funnels are smoking, and they wouldn't want two fires just to cook lunch.

Landlady (to new boarder): "Oh, Mr. Jinks, as you'll be the last one to use the bath in the morning, will you sing 'Auld Lang Syne,' please? Then the maid will know it's nearly finished with!"

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HOME POLITICS.

Interest in Fulham By-Election.

WOOLING THE LIBERALS.

London, Yesterday. The by-election at West Fulham is arousing unusual interest in consequence of Mr. Arthur Gale, the Liberal candidate at the General Election, urging Liberals to support the Tory, Mr. Cobb.

The Labourites and Conservatives are now wrestling for the Liberal vote with equal confidence. Hitherto the local Labourites claim a victory in the quantity, and the Conservatives in the quality, of their Liberal allies.

The Labourites have accepted offers of assistance from four Liberal candidates for other divisions. The Conservatives want the support of the former Liberal Minister, Mr. McCurdy, now the leader of the Empire Free Traders.

Anyway it is alleged that the Lloyd George-MacDonald pact of amity has obviously not been ratified in West Fulham. The Dominions may be interested in the fact that Lord Beaverbrook is a constituent of West Fulham. It is there he drafted the first Empire Trade scheme, and submitted it to Mr. Bonar Law.—Reuter.

[The by-election at West Fulham is caused by the resignation, owing to ill-health, of Mr. Spero (Labour).]

Mr. John Galsworthy, after watching the shooting of a scene in the talking film version of "Escape," at Beaconsfield, gave an interview on the subject of the screen and its possibilities.

EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—

Bank, wire 1/6 1/16

Bank, demand 1/6 3/4

Bank, 30 days' sight 1/6 3/4

Bank, 4 months' sight 1/6 3/4

Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/16

Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/16

On Paris—

On demand 934 1/2

Credits, 4 months' sight 1009 1/2

On Berlin—

On demand 36 1/2

Credits, 60 days' sight 38 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire 101 1/4

On demand 101 1/4

On Calcutta—

Wire 101 1/4

On demand 101 1/4

On Singapore—

On demand 65

On Manila—

On demand 73 1/4

On Shanghai—

On demand 78 1/2

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On Yokohama—

On demand 74

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Rugby, Yesterday.

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New York 4.86 7/8

Brussels 34.82

Geneva 25.075

Amsterdam 12.07 1/2

Milan 92.70

Berlin 20.365

Stockholm 18.09

Copenhagen 18.16

Oslo 18.16

Vienna 34.475

Prague 164 1/4

Helsingfors 193 1/4

Madrid 39.265

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STOCK	Buy-ers	Sell-ers	Sales	Nov.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	\$ 1415	...	...	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/o 1929	Feb. 24, 28
Chartered Bank	...	...	172	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 bonus 42/ free 1/2 a/o 1929	Apr. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.M.S.	...	...	201	Dec.	Final 2 1/2 a/o 1929 less 1/2 a/o 1929	Pending
Bank of Asia	\$ 109	...	...	Dec.	\$4 for 1929	Feb. 28, 30
Insurances.						
Canton Ins.	\$ 360	...	860	Dec.	Final \$27 for 1929 Inform \$15 a/o 1929	Pending
Union Ins.	\$ 150	...	(445, 60)	Dec.	Final 100/ free 1/2 a/o 1929	May 24, 29
China Underwriters	...	...	11	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins.	\$ 335	...	...	Dec.	Final \$2 bonus 80/ Inform \$1 a/o 1929	May 24, 29
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$ 900	...	...	Dec.	\$47 for 1929	Mar. 20, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	...	...	222	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
H. K. Steamboats	\$ 20	...	...	Dec.	\$1-50 for 1929	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	13	Dec.	(124 cts. 7 1/2 for 1929 stand 1929)	June 10, 29
Shell Transports	...	...	10	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
Union Waterboats	\$ 271	...	...	Dec.	Final \$2 bonus 42/ free 1/2 a/o 1929	Jan. 6, 30
Mining.						
Benquets	...	...	21	Dec.	Interim 15 centavos a/o 1929	Apr. — 30
Kailan Mining Ad. s/	...	...	26/5	June	Final 2/ free 1/2 a/o 1929	Dec. 17, 29
Langkat (Comb.) Th. (Single)	...	...	18.60	Oct.	Last div. for year 1910-27	...
S'hai Exploration Th.	...	...	1.30	Dec.	None	...
Loans	...	...	5.40	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
Raubs	\$ 23	...	...	Mar.	Second Int. 1/2 a/year 51-30	Mar. 25, 30
Tronoh Mines	...	...	211/	Dec.	4 1/2 less tax Coupon No. 91	Nov. 20, 29
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & K. Wharves	\$ 158	...	155/7	Dec.	\$2 for 1929	Mar. 18, 30
H. K. & W. Docks	...	38	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
China Providents	\$ 5.20	...	3.15	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
Hongkew	...	...	245	Dec.	Final 2/ 12 a/o 1929	Mar. 31, 30
N. Engineerings	\$ 81	...	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
Shanghai Docks	...	...	125	Apr.	T. 2.50 for year 29-22	July 27, 29
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons	Th. 131	13.40	...	Dec.	Final 2/ 2 a/o 1929	Mar. 17, 30
S'hai Cotton (old) Th. (new)	...	...	80	(Apr. and Oct.)	(T. 2.50 old) for half year (T. 1.25 new) 31-10-29	Nov. 26, 29
Zoong Sing	...	...	10	June	T. 0.50 for year 29-22	Oct. 11, 29
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$ 19.80	13	...	Dec.	20 cents for 1929	Apr. 7, 30
H. K. Lands	\$ 73	...	73	Dec.	Final \$2 1/2 a/o 1929	Feb. 12, 30
Shanghai Lands	Th. 245	...	...	Dec.	Final 2/ 1 a/o 1929	Mar. 12, 30
Humphreys	...	141	...	Dec.	\$1 for 1929	Feb. 8, 29
H. K. Realities	\$ 8.70	...	...	Dec.	Final 10 cents a/o 1929	Mar. 24, 30
Chinese Estates	...	98	...	Feb.	\$1 for year 29-22	June 5, 29
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways	\$ 30.40	20.80	20.60/21	Dec.	Final 50 cents a/o 1929	Mar. 18, 30
Peak Trams (old)	...	...	11.65	Apr.	\$1 (on old) for year (10 cts on new) 30-4-29	June 7, 29
Sun Ferries (new)	\$ 74	...	75	...	\$1 for 1929	Feb. 14, 30
China Light (old) (new)	\$ 24	...	24	Sept.	Int. 25 cts. a/y. 30-3-29	Pending
H. K. Electric	\$ 781	...	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1929	Mar. 12, 30
Macao	\$ 23	...	...	Dec.	...	...
Sandakan Lights	\$ 5.10	...	...	June	None	...
H.K. Telephones	\$ 191	13	...	Dec.	Final 10 cents a/o 1929	Mar. 10, 30
China Buses	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1929	Feb. 31, 29
S'pore Traction (Ord.) (Pref.)	...	101/ 18/3	...	Sept.	(1/4) on preference shares Subject to Income Tax	Feb. 6, 30
Industrials.						
China Sugars	\$ 80 c.	...	...	...	In Liquidation	...
Malabon Sugars	...	...	27	Dec.	Pa. 3 for 1929	April 11, 29
Cald. Macg. Ord. Th. Pref.	...	...	10	Dec.	Incorporated in May 1929	...
Canton Ice	...	...	21	July	None	...
Cementa (comb.) (old) (new)	\$ 161 \$ 11 \$ 41	...	16.30	Dec.	(25 cents on old) for 1929 (10 cents on new)	Mar. 10, 31
H. K. Ropes	...	...	815	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929	...
United Asbestos	\$ 5	...	...	...	...	...
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms	\$ 231	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929	Mar. 14, 30
Watsons	...	...	11	Oct.	70 cents for year 31-12-29	Mar. 31, 30
Der A Wings	\$ 80 c.	...	...	...	...	...
Lane Crawford	\$	...	3	Feb.	Last dividend for year 29-28	...
MacKintoshs	\$ 18	...	...	Feb.	\$3 for year 29-22	April 11, 29
Sincere	...	...	12	...	...	...
Wm. Powells	\$ 2.85	...	...	Feb.	25 cents for year 29-22	June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement	...	30	...	Mar.	(\$2.50 on Preferred) for year (\$1.50 on Deferred) 31-6-29	July 5, 29
H. K. Constructions	...	1.10	...	Dec.	None	...
B. Ind. G. Bonds	39%	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	8%	Prem.	...	...	Interest half yearly	...
Lisbon 108.80 Athens 376 Bucharest 818 Rio 576 Buenos Aires 43% Bombay 1/5 27/32 Shanghai 1/11 Hong Kong 1/6 1/16 Yokohama 2/0 % Silver Spot 19 11/16 Silver Forward 19 9/16 —British Wireless Service.						

THE LEGEND OF LIMEHOUSE.

LONDON'S "CHINESE" QUARTER.

London, March 30.

It seems remarkable how legends survive long after their causes have been either obliterated or exploded as fallacies. There is the legend of the Sunny Kiviera; the legend that England's climate is an end-less succession of cold grey days of fog and drizzle; the legend that Free Trade has—but we'll not go into that. Then there is the Legend of Limehouse.

I went several miles across London yesterday to visit this infamous spot, writes "O. D. R." in the North China Daily News. I followed instructions carefully and reached the junction of Whitechapel and Commercial Roads, near Aldgate. After the magnificence of the City I was not prepared for the quick descent into Stepney shoddiness. The father East I went, the more foreign names I saw on sign-boards. Had the shops been cleaner I could easily have imagined that I was in Warsaw, or on the Hermannstrasse, Berlin.

I alighted as my bus drew abreast of The Star of the East, an ale house disguised as a Benares temple. Here, they told me, Limehouse commenced. So far the citizenry gave no signs of changing colour. Then I spotted a policeman. I like the London bobbies. They have a way, of directing you clearly in the fewest possible words. I had full information; but still I felt he would give me a concise précis, easy to remember.

What's Left of It.

"Down there," he inclined his head towards the West India Dock Road, which branches off at a tangent. He kept directing traffic as he spoke. "On both sides of the street. What's left of it," he added.

I walked about three blocks without seeing anyone remotely resembling a Chinese. Then my gaze alighted on three characters, "Ta Fan Tien," sandwiched between the words, "Chinese Restaurant." "Ha! I warned to the chase; Limehouse at last! The place I had known about for twenty years. The mysterious fascinating, inscrutably iniquitous den of vice, The West Hongkew of London, The Louza of London. My dreams (bad dreams) were about to come true!

The brick facade was painted a faded blue. The window contained a pair of "Mei Hua" blue vases, some chop sticks resting in cheap china rice bowls, and—shades of my childhood—an old fashioned brass "cash" sword! The doorway emitted the fumes of lard, stew, and "chiang yu." I was getting the atmosphere in earnest.

I kept on walking, but the shops once again resumed the former drab sequence of pub, tobacconist, junk, cakes, boots, pub, butcher, junk, until I began to despair of seeing any Chinese.

Then I thought I would ask some more questions. I went into a cigarette-stationer-candy-hard-ware shop and asked the managing director where I could find some Chinese. He was affable, obliging, sleek, and informative. He led me outside and pointed back whence I came.

"You had passed yet already, yes?" He indicated a corner fifty yards away. "De street, dere, you see, yea?" Limehouse Causeway, und-dat vay, Penny-folts.

I thanked him and sauntered back to the corner. As I neared it, two little urchins came tearing around the corner, bumped into me, and ran off laughing. They looked like Chinese at first, but a second glance suggested a strong probability of African admixture. Then, a white woman came chasing after them.

"If I got 'old er yer," she shouted, pointing at one of them, "I'll take yer across me knee; yer little 'ound." She wore a pink dress, black cotton stockings, and short, tawny hair, and brown slippers. As I walked slowly down the Limehouse Causeway she returned to her doorway, not far from the corner, and complained, to her husband, a Chinese, who seemed amused at the episode. He was leaning against the wall, fondling a little girl who was obviously his and the woman's child.

A Cubist Street-scene.

I continued down the Causeway, a lane no wider than Ezra Road, Shanghai, passing rows of ancient, single-fronted tenements, whose front doors and parlour windows were flush with the pavement. Some of the walls stood upright, but most of them tilted after the manner of a cubist street-scene. It was a street, but the sign omitted. One group leaned back proudly like an affronted dowerer resenting an insult, or in the act of giving one. In one window was a vase of decayed flowers, in another was a scribbled sign, "Boots good Repairing Cheap," in another was a placard, "Room to let," and so forth—just some touch that distinguished them one from the other as a speck of dust might identify a pea in a basketful.

I retraced my steps to the Dock Road and crossed into Penny-folts, the obvious. Road names in this country are more ethnological than geographical. Three doors up I came to a small butcher, shop bearing the sign "Fong Kow," descriptive of the owner, not the merchandise. Inside, wielding a cleaver, was the owner—a short, wizened, scarred-faced Cantonese. Here, I had a Chinese in his lair.

"Lo," he greeted me as I entered.

"How many years you been here?" I asked him.

"Long time," he answered cautiously. For all he knew, I might have been a detective seeking the

many tons of morphine secreted in his attic; or, I might have been a Burke-Thomas, not Edmund-dredging the 'dregs of life for dramatic atmosphere. He seemed undecided whether to play down to one role or to play up to the other.

Just then, another Chinese came in, a bright lad with a merry sparkle in his eye. He chimed pleasantly into the conversation, and then carried it altogether. The butcher went on carving, chopping, and serving his Chinese customers. I made a mental note that the array of sharpened steel knives and carmine chopping block was an unpleasant background for an argument.

Unarmed and Inquisitive.

There was I, alone, unarmed, inquisitive, in a butcher shop in Limehouse, surrounded by wrinkled-leathery faces, bendy, almond eyes peering at me under the brims of black felt hats, whispering, a false step meant death. Ha! Ha! mystery, intrigue, opium, dragons, fantan, Yellow Peril, chills down the spine—and up—Boy, page Thomas Burke! Hollywood, I hear you calling!

The lad with the sparkling eyes told me all about Limehouse. I checked his statements later by the manager of Charlie Brown's pub, a policeman, and a tobacconist. As we talked our cheerful dialogue was punctuated by many a dull, sickening thud, as the butcher cleaved his way through a leg of pork.

Before, ten years more, I learned, Limehouse was a thriving Chinese district. That time must have got more one thousand Chinese stop this side. Business that time good; now no good. Plenty Chinese go away. Just now may be got one hundred more. What thing do? Oh, plenty Chinese do laundry, make restaurant, chop suey, sell some curlo, have little chance. Some time boat come from China side can do little business, no so much. What side Chinese go? Oh, have go ship, go America, other place make more business. London too far from China, America more near, more easy.

An Uninspiring Calm.

"Years ago," said a policeman, "Limehouse used to give us some trouble, mainly drunken seamen scrapping in chop suey dumps, but nowadays it's one of the quietest spots in London."

"Yes," he answered when I wondered about the current legend, "I suppose they get it out of books. But, I'll tell you who does give us a whole sight more trouble than the Chinese ever gave—" and he lowered his voice to a whisper. And because whispers are supposed to be secrets I won't tell.

"The slumming parties bring us a bit of business," said an innkeeper, "so let 'em 'ave their moving pitcher Limeahse; it's good advertisin'."

"Good business people," said my tobacconist, as I bought a packet of cigarettes, "I ain't got no trouble mit dem; cash dey pay for me; wives dey do not, beat; always, day—"

"Listen," I interrupted, "what about opium and all that sort of thing?"

"Ach," he flung his hands apart, "what shall I know? I see noddings. We tink bear; Chinese smoke opium; we fight, Chinese sleep; eef dere sea somedings wat dey like, eet's not my business, yea?"

There was more in this vein and I bade him farewell.

And then I got my real shock. As I stepped out of his shop I came almost face to face with one of the most notorious foreigners who ever lived in the Far East. I was dumfounded for a moment. If he recognised me he gave no sign. There was no mistaking the catlike tread, the sallow, expressionless face, the black eyes, the stooping shoulders. The elegant black-suit familiar to Shanghai pavements was missing. In its place was a studiously shabby suit. He walked alone, looking straight ahead, just as he walked the streets of Shanghai, Tientsin, and Peking, for the past twenty-five years.

Well, I consoled myself, the world is a small place after all, but just the same I did not want to feel that this sort of thing should be used to prove it. I did not like to associate him with Limehouse, one way or the other. I don't like to think about it.

Only in Theatres.

But, to complete this story, the Comedy Theatre has a crook faced running at the moment, called "Old Numbers," and in it one tough lad says to another, "Let's take him for a ride, down Limehouse, the Chinese'll get the blame, as usual."

A few weeks ago, Beachcomber, the shrewd paraphrast, of the Daily Express, had a jibe at the Limehouse legend. "Who is there who believes," he cites a dozen things from white girls in opium dens to murder. "Who is there who believes these things?" He answers himself—"Nobody but Thomas Burke."

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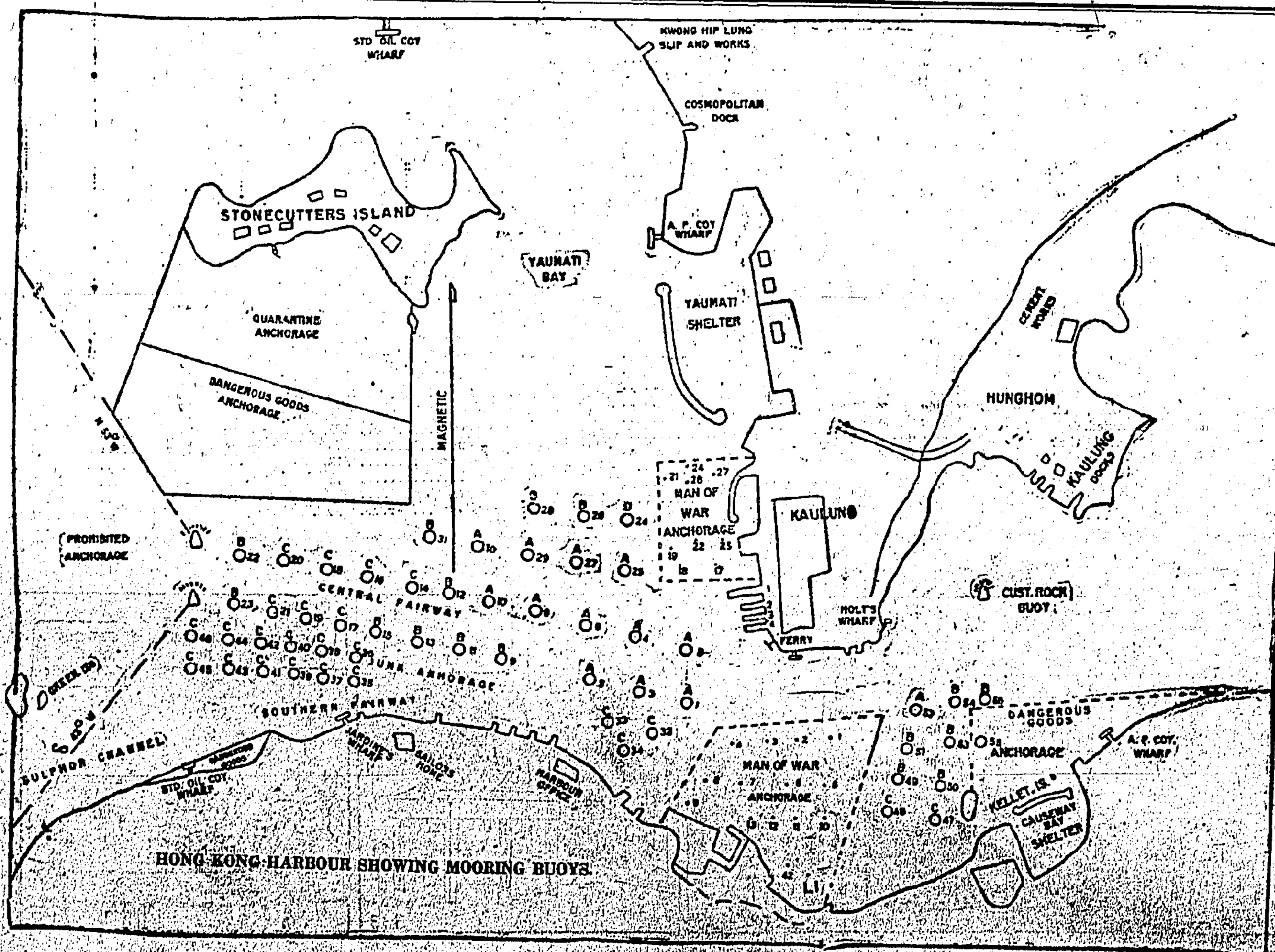
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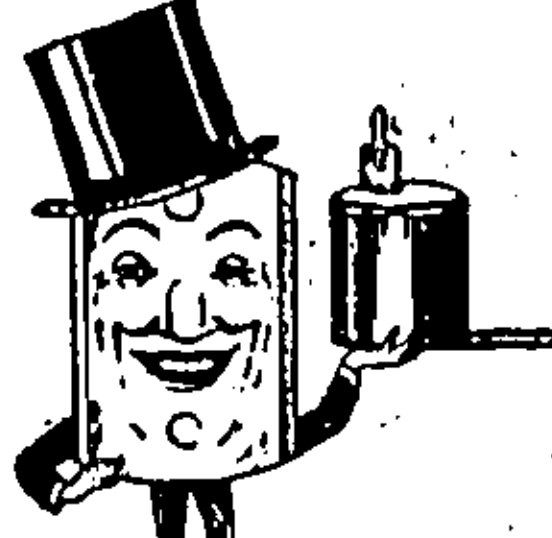
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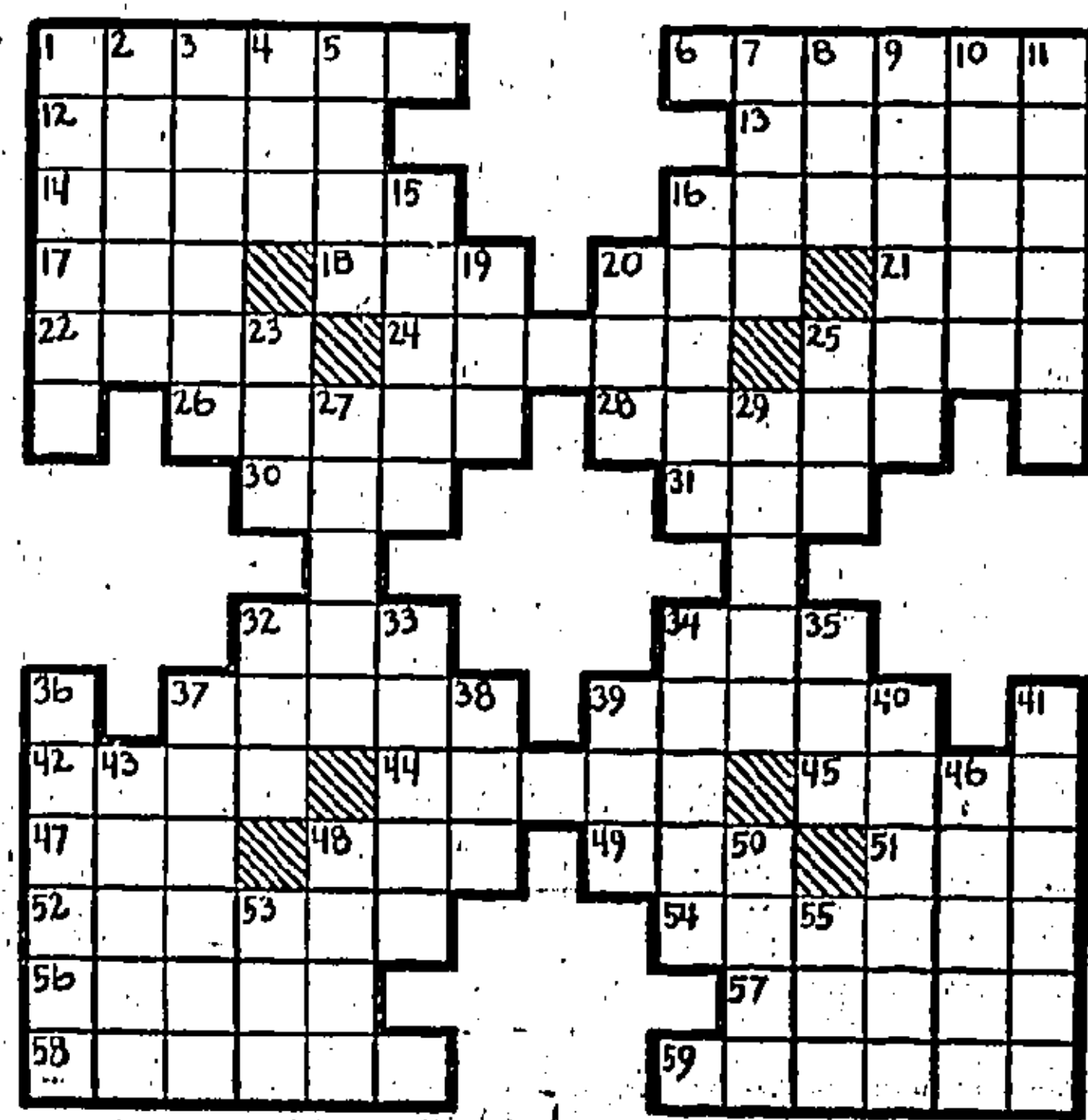
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(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Confused noise
- 2-Pertaining to a foot
- 3-Animal
- 4-To expect
- 5-Corona
- 6-A city of China
- 7-A liquid measure
- 8-An eagle
- 9-And not
- 10-Interjection—contempt
- 11-Muscle-twitching
- 12-Stem of a water-plant
- 13-Wanderer
- 14-To protect
- 15-Smallest in size
- 16-Once more
- 17-To be sorry for
- 18-Termination
- 19-Turkish felt cap
- 20-A deep hole
- 21-A metallic element
- 22-One who has committed a felony
- 23-Story
- 24-A bird-harbinger of spring
- 25-Girl's tower name
- 26-A Turkish title
- 27-Appropriate
- 28-Interjection—contempt

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 29-Hastened
- 30-Vessel made with staves and hoops
- 31-Capital of the British Empire
- 32-Mohammedan prince
- 33-New England State
- 34-Endured
- 35-One who fences
- 36-Another name for black snakes
- 37-Cognizant
- 38-A kind of soft coal
- 39-Output of tools
- 40-Noted English school
- 41-An Egyptian god
- 42-Greasy liquid
- 43-Originator of atomic theory
- 44-A plant of the arum family
- 45-Golden armed with a lance
- 46-Pertaining to Scandinavian peoples
- 47-Deep ravine

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Decay
- 20-A vegetable
- 21-German for "the"
- 22-To command
- 23-Tool for boring
- 24-Block of steel on which metal is forged
- 25-Enemy
- 26-African akunk-like characters
- 27-Pertaining to punishment
- 28-High rocky pinnacle (Eng.)
- 29-A Moorish tower
- 30-Sounds loudly, as a trumpet
- 31-Negative
- 32-A falsehood
- 33-Pertaining to the blond people of N. W. Europe
- 34-Mien
- 35-Tropical island
- 36-A river of France
- 37-Obsolete spelling of a word
- 38-Place one lives in
- 39-To soak, as hair
- 40-Short for Nancy

Behind the Scenes in Hollywood

BORN IN CHINA.

[By Dorothy Herzog.]

Her name is Winifred Laurence. She was born in China some twenty years ago. The Chinese staged a revolution and rather than contribute to a chop suey course Winifred and family fled to Russia, her mother's native country. They lived in St. Petersburg until the Russians ate marital yeast and did a little rising of their own. Again the family fled, this time to Paris.

Miss Laurence is now an assistant director at RKO. Her introduction to pictures was in Paris, where she got a job with the First National Exchange. But the future held no gleam, so after a serious conference with finances she sailed forth to the U.S.A.

It was while in New York that she got in touch with the M. G. M. scenario department. Her ability to speak and to read French like a Parisian made her valuable.

By and by, M. G. M. signed a Russian Director. He and his wife arrived in New York, unable to speak English. Miss Laurence was recruited to travel West with them and to work with him at the studio in an interpretative capacity.

Luck collapsed after a few months of this. Miss Laurence found herself out of a job. She tried extra-ing as a means to a meal. But extra-ing, at its best, is precarious. So she chucked pictures and went to Glendale where she proceeded to work in an oil factory—or isn't there such a thing as an oil factory?

A few months of this and she abandoned the job to return to Hollywood and clerked in a bank.

Famous Players gave her a call one day and put her to work. She later became a script girl and is now an assistant director at RKO, helping to transmute talkies into French and German.

Miss Laurence is young and enthusiastic and intelligent. She has covered many miles in her life and absorbed color and atmosphere galore. One of these days, she'll be a director. She's the only assistant woman director in Hollywood. She's due to be the third directress. Lois Weber led the way. Dorothy Arzner carried on. There'll be a niche for Winifred Laurence. Her courage and determination smacks of a Horatio Alger go-getter. Fighting it alone in a strange land is no cinch. And if you'll please notice, I don't add—even for a woman.

"MADAME SATAN"

The week that Cecil DeMille starts his forthcoming operetta: "Madame Satan," promises to be a busy one. His daughter gets married the same week. Cecilia DeMille, to a young Los Angeles business man. Well, if DeMille insists on beginning his picture that week he should be busy and no sympathy in the paragraph.

NOT A STAGE TRICK.

Actress Strikes Man in the Stalls.

Miss Jean Collins, leading lady in the revue "High Toppers," left the stage at a Bath Theatre and slapped the face of a man in the stalls.

This incident followed interruptions and "cat-calls" during her song with Gack Mayo.

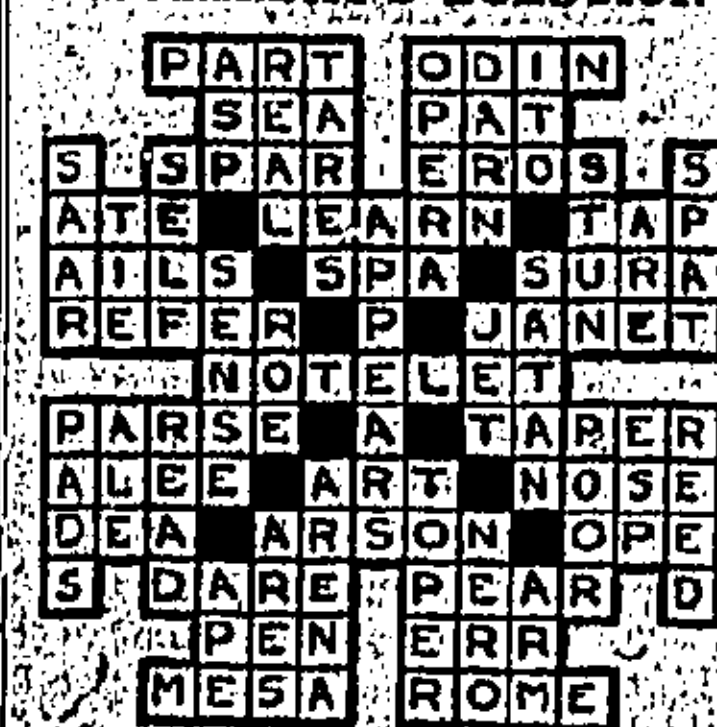
Miss Collins, interviewed, said that the man whom she struck was one of several who were sitting together in the front stalls. "I tried to carry on, but the disturbance was too much," she said. "It was the first time that anything has ever made me cry on the stage; if such a thing occurs again I should feel justified in taking the same action."

The man who was struck is indignant because he contends that he was not responsible for the conduct which aroused Miss Collins's resentment.

"Someone sitting two or three rows behind me (I was in the front row) passed rude remarks about Miss Collins," he said "and it was those which brought her down."

"Unfortunately she singled out the wrong man. I shall expect an apology from her in writing," he added, "and if it is not forthcoming I shall consult my solicitor."

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



"JOURNEY'S END."

I don't know what the audience reaction to James Whale's outlandish version of "Journey's End" will be, but last eve I went to see the British stage troupe now offering the play locally. Behind me sat two women who made much noise with candy during most of the first act. Their criticism of the second act was: "I wish he didn't drink like that." This, referring to the stellar character, Captain Stanhope.

Dear heavens, and we are asked to love our neighbours as ourselves.

AVIATION STORY.

Richard Barthelmess and his wife voyaged from Paris to New York on February 13. Thence to California and the Hicks. Dick is to star in an aviation story written by Howard Hawks, who will also direct. If this department may be pardoned its step into the personal, it would like to congratulate Mr. Hawks for the grit that will enable him to make the picture. Mr. Hawks lost his brother Kenneth, also a director, in a recent airplane smash.

U.S. AMUSEMENTS SHARES.

CINEMAS DRAWING ROOM RECORD ATTENDANCES.

TALKING PICTURES.

On the brighter side of the American Stock Market picture the amusement industry is sharing the centre of the stage with the tobacco companies. After a record-breaking year in 1929, it seems certain that the present quarter will again see all records broken. Whatever may be the real truth about the extent of depression in the United States, it has not been enough to prevent a steady increase in cinema attendance.

Through rapid improvement in the technique of the talking picture, the extension of sound pictures to opera, the use of colour, better relations between producers and the acting profession, and the breaking down or settlement of anti-American measures in foreign countries, the industry finds itself in a position to expect record earnings this year. Out of 20,500 cinemas in the United States, approximately 9,000 had been wired for talking pictures by the end of 1929. All others of any but the smallest size are being wired as rapidly as available equipment will permit, while in the British Isles, France, Germany, and elsewhere wiring is being pushed at a rapid rate.

A Widening Public.

The fact that technical development has now made it possible to produce opera on the talking picture medium has resulted in drawing within the ambit of the better class cinemas an entirely new clientele. Thousands who formerly scorned the silver screen have been converted by the results which the new group of producers have been able to achieve. Rapid as has been the perfecting of the talking picture, all the leading producers are known to possess patents which will result in much strengthening of the position of the talking picture in the general field of public amusements.

There is now a disposition to make fewer and better pictures, and this appears to have worked greatly to the advantage of the industry's earning ability.

No Language Troubles.

The language question which, when the talkies were first introduced, was thought to be an almost insurmountable problem, seems well on the way to solution. This has greatly strengthened the export side of the big American producing companies and, unlike so many other American industries, this year's export values are again expected to set a record. A well-informed report on the situation says:—

"Although the movement toward wiring of theatres for sound motion-picture showing has been much slower abroad than in the United States, it is, nevertheless, making progress. Domestic producers, in consequence, have been analyzing the situation, and are planning changes in production methods to meet the new demand. Exports constituting a considerable factor in total business, it is important that steps be taken to keep this division on a profitable basis."

It is probable that the language barrier will be satisfactorily overcome in talking production. Reproduction of an American movie in a French studio, for example through the substitution of an entire French cast, is one of the feasible methods suggested.

In this manner a large part of the original production can be reproduced abroad for a small portion of the first picture's cost.

Lessening Opposition.

Last year was notable in that it saw the settlement of several anti-American moves in various countries. In some cases opposition to the American films melted away because of the obvious failure of home companies to meet the demand of the cinema-going public while in others quota agreements were made that satisfied both American and foreign producers.

The most spectacular phase of the industry in the past few weeks has, of course, been the litigation in connection with Fox enterprises, involving vast sums of money. The present status of this litigation seems to assure the payment of the \$49,000,000 of obligations which are due during the next six weeks or two months, and the various court hearings have served to show the enormous earning power of these properties. There has been much other litigation in the industry during the past year, particularly suits brought by the United States Government for alleged infringements of the anti-trust laws. These have not apparently injured the companies concerned, although they have caused worry to shareholders.

Position of Shares.

The weighed index of seven leading motion picture shares compiled by the Standard Statistics Co., shows them to stand at 37 points above the 1929 low, although still 35 points below the 1929 high. Few share groups can equal this showing at this time. Conditions in this industry change too fast, and investors in Great Britain or the Continent are too far away from the scene of action, to warrant them in trading in the Fox shares.

Probably the soundest share in this field is Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corporation. This company owns or leases about 1,200 theatres, and its position is exceedingly strong, whether viewed from the standpoint of production, distribution, strategic situation, or cash. Warner Brothers is another outstanding share. This company owns the Vitaphone Corporation, and royalties covering patents extending over the next fifteen years owned by another subsidiary are said to amount to \$95,000,000. Earnings are high and management good.

Much share market interest is also being taken in Loew's Inc. This company is involved in the Fox difficulties to some extent from the fact that Fox owns about 40 per cent. of the common shares of Loew's, but its financial position and management are good and earnings are on a high level. There are many other American film securities, but in no case is the outlook so clear as in the case of those mentioned above.

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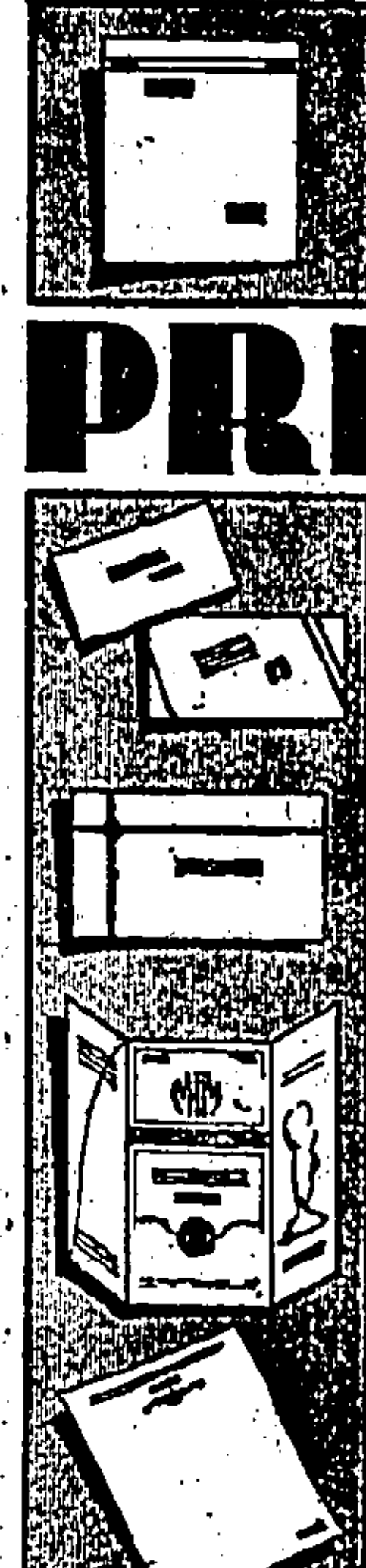
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DUCHESS OF BEDFORD COMES TO GRIEF.

BROKEN OIL PIPE FORCES
"PLANE DOWN IN BULGARIA.

HOPES TO START SOON.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Duchess of Bedford was forced to land at Dragoman, on the Bulgarian frontier, through a broken oil pipe. She hopes to proceed to-morrow. She was flying on a non-stop journey to Croydon from Sofia on the return flight to England.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Bad luck has befallen the Duchess of Bedford who with Captain Barnard is on her homeward flight from Capetown. If she can reach Croydon to-night she will create a new world's record by flying 9,000 miles from England to the Cape and back in 19 and a half days. But to-day as her plane was crossing Bulgaria an oil pipe broke and the machine was forced down at a village about 30 miles from Sofia. A Bulgarian aeroplane has flown to assist, but it is doubtful whether the Duchess will be able to complete the flight to-day.—British Wireless Service.

[A message of April 27 stated: The Duchess of Bedford, who left Capetown on Monday on her return flight to England, arrived at Khartoum yesterday afternoon. She left Khartoum at 6.15 this morning for Assuit, or possibly Cairo, and hopes the return flight to England will beat the record established on her outward journey when, in nine and a half days she flew 5,250 miles to Capetown.]

RUM-RUNNERS.

Schooner Forfeited to
U.S. Government.

JOINS RUM CHASERS.

Charleston (South Carolina),

Yesterday.
Four members of the crew of the British schooner Dorothy and Audrey, which was captured recently off Georgetown with 800 cases of liquor aboard, have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment each. The schooner has been declared forfeited to the United States Government and is to become a member of the coast guard's fleet of rum chasers.—Reuter's American Service.

DELEGATES RETURN

COOL RECEPTION BY
NEW YORK.

NO ENTHUSIASM.

INFLUENCE OF THE
HEARST PRESS.

New York, Yesterday.

The American delegates from the London Conference drove in motor cars in a procession to the City Hall via Broadway. The streets were lined with interested but comparatively silent crowds. There was a noticeable absence of paper streamers from the skyscrapers, which usually characterize big American demonstrations.

After the official welcome at the City Hall, Mr. H. L. Stimson said on behalf of the delegates that their welcome was taken as an indication of American sympathy in the cause of international goodwill and peace. "We met with fairness and goodwill from all the other delegations and the spirit of the Conference is one of its finest attributes and its most hopeful results."

"What the Wives Think."

"It is a good treaty, good for the United States and a step forward in the movement of world peace," declared Senator Dwight Morrow on the arrival of the delegates from the London Conference. Mrs. Stimson said: "We are glad to be back. It has been a very trying time. Our husbands worked so hard that I feel we ought to be re-introduced to them.—Reuter's American Service.

League's Aircraft.

The League of Nations Committee on Arbitration and security discussed the question of the facilities to be granted to aircraft used by the League to ensure swift communication in the event of threat of war. The German delegate, Herr Goepfert, remarked that the League should not have its own aircraft but use machines placed at its disposal by the various Governments. The general discussion was adjourned to enable the British delegation to prepare the draft of the convention in which the British Government's viewpoints will be explained.—British Wireless Service.

Aerial Welcome.

New York, Yesterday.

The naval delegates have returned from London. They were met by a naval escort, and the airship Los Angeles dropped a welcoming communication on the deck of their liner.—Reuter's American Service.

DELHI PAPERS CEASE PUBLICATION.

NEW TURN OF EVENTS IN INDIA
DISTURBANCES.

MAYOR IN PRISON.

Delhi, Yesterday.

In view of the demand for 50,000 rupees security under the Press Ordinance the committee representing the Delhi newspapers has decided to suspend publication indefinitely and produce a common skeleton sheet.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

Sengupta, now serving six months' rigorous imprisonment for sedition, has been unanimously re-elected Mayor of Calcutta for the fifth time.—Reuter.

Premier on India.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Secretary for India was asked in the House of Commons by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader, whether he could make statement regarding the position in India. He replied that in respect of up-to-date developments of the civil disobedience campaign he could add little to the full and on the whole accurate reports which had appeared in the Press. As reported in the Press, serious disturbances had occurred at Karachi when, during the trial of six of the principal leaders of the movement in Sind, a disorderly crowd broke into the Magistrate's court. The Police were forced to fire before the crowd could be brought under control. The situation was, however, restored the same day.

Serious Outbreaks.

Since the House rose on April 17 there had been two particularly serious outbreaks of disorder, the first at Chittagong on April 18 and the other at Peshawar on April 23. That at Chittagong was the work of the Bengal Anarchical Association. These were immediate reactions of the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Act, which had been repealed on April 1. The Peshawar outbreak was a corollary to the arrest of eleven local Congress leaders. It was to-day reported that the disturbance took place on Sunday in Madras City, where the police were forced to fire on the crowd. On April 27 the Governor-General promulgated as an emergency measure an ordinance re-enacting with some modifications the Press Act of 1910, which was repealed in 1922. He concurred with this action. He declared that he could make at present no further statement regarding the situation, which was engaging the constant attention of His Majesty's Government and the Government of India.—British Wireless Service.

BRITAIN AND SOVIET.

Negotiations for a Final
Trade Treaty.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Questioned in Parliament about the British and Russian negotiations, Mr. Arthur Henderson said that the temporary commercial agreement between the British and Soviet Governments was signed on April 16. Negotiations were at present proceeding for the conclusion of a temporary agreement for the regulation of certain fishery questions. Negotiations would also probably be begun shortly for the conclusion of a definitive treaty of commerce and navigation to replace the temporary agreement already submitted for the formal convention regarding the appreciation of treaties concluded with the former Imperial Russian Government, which had also been communicated to the Soviet Government. Negotiations regarding debt claims and counter-claims, both inter-Governmental and private, were also being pursued.—British Wireless Service.

BRITAIN & EGYPT.

Delegates Await Reply
from Cairo.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the British and Egyptian negotiations, Mr. Henderson, Foreign Secretary, said that on the resumption of the negotiations this morning the Egyptian delegation stated that the courier whom they sent to Egypt immediately after the adjournment on April 17 had not arrived. In these circumstances, they requested that the negotiations be adjourned until Monday next. If the courier arrived in the meanwhile the negotiations would be resumed before then.—British Wireless Service.

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